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"I am a villager, what about it?"

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Prologue

When talking about reincarnations, the first thing you will think about is that reincarnations are a cheat right?

There was also a time when I thought it was like that.

Just like that, as promised, I was involved in a truck incident and reincarnated with the Occupational Aptitude: villager.

Then, the house I was born in was neither of an aristocrat's nor rich, it was of a normal farmer.

In terms of satisfactory living level, though it was not too bad, it was just a bit hard to find food.

So, though being in a poor family, I grew up quickly and became fifteen with mediocre status and skills.

Let me say it again.

Isn't reincarnation supposed to make a person a cheat?

Even if you are born as a villager, you should have gotten cheat-like abilities or skills, etc... Isn't it supposed to be like that?

However, I was seriously just a normal villager.

So, instead of having those, my neighbour, born just three days after me, was a real cheat girl.

Cordelia Allston.

At fifteen years old, she was known as Ikki Tousen (一騎当千: one facing a thousand warriors)—Occupational Aptitude: Yuusha (Hero).

She was literally in cheat class within cheats.

Though born in the house just beside mine, in the same year, raised just like me — her status seriously lived up to the title Ikki Tousen.

Or was it just a mistake.

To a normal villager like me, she was just like a monster on another worldly

level.

It was a masterpiece for a fifteen year old girl swinging a blunt (ナマクラ?) sword, cutting a rock just like cutting butter. Un.

A hundred metre sprint just in one or two seconds, I think that she had already stopped being human.

When I was four or five, I had won a fight with her only because I am a boy, however...

Her growth after that was just amazing.

Currently, it seems that she is struggling to adjust her power just to avoid hurting me in normal contact.

Once, my shoulder was dislocated when I was hit lightly as a joke... she had nursed me for three days and three nights even though I thought it was unnecessary.

She was terribly worried about what she had done... It made me feel sorry for her despite being the victim.

Changing the subject, we are currently fifteen years old.

I am currently camping in the Manakisu Big Forest.

There is a legend that a dragon resides in here...

Wasn't the current time around 7pm? It was cold and the sun sets faster because it was winter.

Even though we were burning wood for warmth, in the dense forest, the surroundings were in the darkness as moonlight does not pass through.

The howling of wolves could be heard from afar.

There, I asked Cordelia slightly terrified.

「Oi, Cordelia? Is it really alright? There are monsters here right? 」

The burning fire slightly illuminated her red waist-length hair.

There was nothing to complain about her well-shaped pretty and dignified face, it was hardly believable that it belonged to a person from this world.

Yet, she was named Ikki Tosen. Or was it a mistake.

When she stood in a battlefield with a sword, most warriors would bow down after a swing of her sword.

You would question where she got such power ... a girl donning azure blue light armor with thin arms, tilted her head as to respond to my question.

「Hee? Even though there is a person with the title Dragon Killer like me here... you are asking me if I am worried about the danger of monsters. In this situation, I think you should worry about the monsters rather than me. Well, when considering how weak the monsters around here..... Ah, this is the first time you came to a place where monsters appear, isn't it?」

「Well, the difference between you and I is that my Occupational Aptitude is a villager. A little ways outside of the village to set up a trap to control pests is the most I can handle.」

「Ah, there was one time..... I saw you on the way back after the expedition of the Knights Order. You were too frightened despite being just a little out of the village.」

「There was no other way, I am a mere villager... So, why bring me out to such place... Uoo!?!」

There was a huge wild boar.

The wild boar charged towards us after appearing from the shadows of the trees.

It probably weighed over a ton. There were also purple eyes which indicated that it was a magical being.

Saliva dripped from its mouth.

「Lute! Don't move! 」

After saying that, Cordelia rushed towards the wild boar like a typhoon.

Aiming for a sliding tackle, Cordelia snuck below its stomach.

While sliding on the floor, she pierced its stomach with a slash.

The wild boar then fell limply onto the floor, at the same time, Cordelia

jumped out from beneath.

The wild boar fell horizontally after having its stomach destroyed.

She went up to the flank and pierced its neck with another slash.

With its head separated from its torso, a splash of blood painted on Cordelia's cheek like makeup.

「Now one problem is solved. Let tomorrow's breakfast be pork hotpot.」

Cordelia said with an innocent smile.

Oi oi, you serious...to, the vividness of spurting of blood caused my faced to twitch.

I immediately changed my expression into a forced smile after noticing my blunder.

「Isn't having meat in the morning a bit too much?meaning you are really...not as seamed」

It looks like Cordelia noticed my change in expression at that moment.

She then sat on a rock on the floor and let out a sigh.

「Just now, you asked me for the reason why I brought you out of the village..... right?」

Saying that, she took a cloth out and wiped off the blood splatter.

「Yes, I did ask, why?」

「I will say the truth alright? I... wanted Lute to know.」

Looking up at the sky, Cordelia said with a distant look.

「Want me to know? What is it? 」

「Another side of me that I didn't show in the village..... Since around ten years old, I mixed around with the Knights Orders and adventurers.....I became like that 」

「.....」

The blood splatter before and the response is...completely leaving a bad taste.

Not knowing if she knew my thoughts or not, Cordelia continued on.

「I will officially be a member of the Knights Order after a year of experience. When I become 16..... I will enrol as a special student in the Royal Magic Academy. This is all for preparation against the incoming big disaster.....as stated in the oracle.....following the Strengthening Program prepared.」

「.....I suppose so」

「That is why, I wanted you to see my real self.....onlyyou」

「Me? Didn't Moses always see your real self? 」

Moses.

Cordelia's and my osananajimi (childhood friend) and his Occupational Aptitude: sage, this is also another cheat-like dude.

Why in this small village, in the same year, was there two of such amazing Occupational Aptitude level.

In short, you will think about a Yuusha if you are talking about an existence of a country's decisive battle weapon.

A sage can also become an existence of a local tactical weapon.

Both of them are people who are outside of standards if talking about level.

Thanks to that, my shoulders are getting narrower and narrower.

Leaving that aside, Cordelia, who heard my answer before, shrugged sharply.

「Moses only knew because he was in the curriculum, even though we were always together, I..... I, to you! I am saying that I surely want you to know about it! 」

A short silence enveloped us.

Surrounded by the quiet trees, it was as if the temperature dropped a few degrees.

「We can't easily meet after this.....right?」

「If you are in the Order.....it will surely be like that.」

「Why are you not thinking of anything? To make me say up to such

lengths..... don't you want to say anything to me?」

「.....Sorry, what are you actually trying to say? 」

Cordelia breathed in as if organizing her thoughts.

With all her courage, she stood up and walked towards me who was sitting on top of another rock.

Her azure eyes looked straight into mine.

「I have..... always, always..... about you」

At that moment, Moses' far away voice intercepted out talk.

「Lute-san!? Could you please come here a bit? Washing in this freezing water is a bit hard.」

Cordelia then blatantly clicked her tongue. I dubiously tilted my head a little.

「I will be gone for a moment; won't you look after the fire?」

「.....」

「Are you okay? What's with those puffy cheeks? 」

Flushed red, she turned away.

「I don't know anything about that! Just go there immediately you Baka! 」

And she continued after thinking a bit.

「.....You are just a villager, therefore, yell loudly if a monster appear. Well, as long as I am here, those weak monsters should get scared and run away.」

「I know..... Well, it will be alright with Moses there.」

Then, I muttered a sigh while waving my hand towards Cordelia who was behind me.

「..... “Because you are a villager” wasn't it, in the end, even Cordelia..... Well, I am just a mere villager, there is no helping it.」

Shoulder length black hair and a pair of glasses

This thin guy who always reads a book alone..... That's the other osananajimi, Moses.

His attitude and way of speech was always too polite for a fifteen year old, even so, he will still give a smile occasionally if you converse more with him.

As a matter of fact, he makes a smile so much like a life insurance sales person trying to make sales to the ladies; to be honest, I'm not good at that.

「I'm sorry, Lute-san.....for you to be helping me doing this.」

As said, I helped Moses.

Currently, we are washing the plates from the meal before.

「No, don't mention it, putting that aside this kind of job is supposed to be done by a villager, totally not a job for a sage.」

「That's true. Well, it was the princess (himegimi) who decided that Lute-san is to prepare our dinner and leave the washing to me.」 [tl: Seriously, he calls Cordelia a princess]

She ordered us and did nothing herself.

「That's true」

We faced each other and gave a bitter laugh.

「Yosh, now this is complete.....」

After washing the last plate, I stood up.

「I'm really sorry Lute-san.....」

「It's okay. The three of us arefriends right? 」

At that moment, my vision suddenly blacked out.

Rather than anaemia, it was a more intense version.

I immediately dropped to my knees.

「Friends, was it? Who and Who? A villager and a sage are friends? Fufu, what a funny joke.」

My head as well as my line of sight spun around.

Moses spoke to me who was still in a state of panic from above.

「—Looks like the drug has finally worked.」

「Drug.....? What are you..... why.....? 」

Even my tongue was tangled.

I could feel the chills running down my spine and a pool of unpleasant sweat flowing down my back.

「Why? The answer is very simple. Cordelia and I and YOU..... We were born in the same year and raised by the same way, however she was favouring..... someone like you more.」

Moses paused to breathe a little and continued.

「My occupational aptitude is a sage. A person with the ability of one in ten thousand, no, one in hundred thousand—that is me.」

I knew those.

The three of us were born in the same village and the two of them have cheat like occupational aptitude.

Even hating the fact that it is not me, I still have to acknowledge it.

「Also, I'm a reincarnator. Aa, it's not like you will get what a reincarnator means..... Well, not like I care though. What I want to say is that I who is a sage is a special being.」

..... Eh? What are you saying?

My vision became cloudy, my conscious is going to fade.

Moses' words could not even reach my ears. Even if it did, I could not comprehend and picture what he was saying.

「I am really shocked. I could only think that she was a being blessed by god, having looks so much like an angel..... several years later for sure..... I'm excited just thinking about it.」

I wanted to scream for Cordelia, however, it was all too late.

I could not let out even the slightest sound from my throat.

In this situation, my helpless limbs felt like jelly.

The most that I can do is to balance myself to avoid falling.

「I am the one who has the right to be beside her. That's my answer to your previous question.

Moses went around and kicked my back with all his might.」

With all the force, I fell into the river.

The effective drug was totally not helping as I struggled to stand up.

I somehow manage to change my posture to a face up position.

I was brought by the water currents while my conscious slowly faded into darkness.

At the end, I could hear Moses' words echoing in my head.

「A mere villager..... expecting to talk with a Yuusha in the same league? know your place」

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How long had I been flowing down the river?

My limbs were still immobile.

I could only look up at the star-filled sky while floating.

Night time.....

I was not sure how long had passed, but it seems like quite some time had passed.

And, I didn't have anymore stamina.

Everything below my eyes couldn't be felt.

Unexpectedly, neither could I not feel pain nor coldness.

I just feltsleepy.

Wasn't this a more dangerous situation....., I thought about it as if it was another one's problem.

This felt just like a dream. I'm not even sure if I am awake or asleep— At that moment, I heard that voice.

「—Lute! Lute—! Where are you!? Respond to me..... Just give me a response please!」

I was not sure how Cordelia had known my situation.

After that, Moses should have skillfully explained to Cordelia.

Or he told the truth honestly.

Or about me being ambushed by a monster or something.

Whichever it was, I bet Moses would most probably prevent me from meeting Cordelia.

Was it just a coincidence that she had found me, or was it some sort of skill for heroes, maybe even a very overpowered 5th sense of hers. That is not important.

Despite being in this big forest, Cordelia was able to pinpoint and arrive at my current location.

Near the gravel along the river.

Cordelia was looking here while dashing at a very high speed.

Seems like I was saved..... Noticing she was coming closer, I shook my head left and right.

「I have finally found you! Wait for me Lute! I will immediately sav.....tte..... eh.....?」

It seemed like life was not easy.

Flowing down the river, there was a gigantic waterfall in front of my eyes.

The waterfall is known to be around here— It should be at least a 50 metres.

I did not know if Cordelia had already exceeded the human limit or not, however, to a villager like me to endure this fall, it is a bit too unreasonable.

Cordelia saw the incoming waterfall, and she rushed nearer, wanting to jump into the water without a second thought.

Even so, no matter how outstanding her ability is, the distance between us showed that it was impossible—.

「—Sorry. Cordelia.....Bye.」

It was actually a very soft and small voice, in my current situation, I was unable to speak up clearly.

However, the fact that my words were properly conveyed could be seen as her facial expression turned rigid at that moment.

The word 'sorry' had two meanings.

I'm afraid that I am dead. That was one of the meaning..... Therefore, sorry.

The next one was for not accepting/ was unable to accept her confession..... Sorry, in that sense too.

I had noticed Cordelia's feelings towards me.

If you added my memories before I was reincarnated, she is just too young for my taste.

However, after a few years..... she would be beautiful until I allowed myself to chase after her.

By that time, she would probably stop looking this way.

While thinking about those, I had a flashback on memories of Cordelia since we were born.

She was still normally following behind me at six.

From the age on seven onward when the effect of her Occupational Aptitude started to take effect on her growth..... I became the one who hid behind her back.

Even though our positions had changed, our relationship stayed the same, we were still, like always, on good terms.

She naturally recognised me as her partner, and had willingly chose me to be that.

But..... just as I had thought.

–The one being protected was me, as Moses has said.....in a lot of meanings, I didn't have the rights to be at an equal position with her.

–Aaa..... So uncool..... Stronger..... I want to become stronger.....

And at the same time as the sound of Cordelia jumping into the river could be heard in a distance–

–I fell down into an abyss.

It was a dim cave.

There were drips of water droplets falling from the stalactite on the ceilings.

The cold splash of water droplets woke me up, and I became speechless

「This is a cave under the forest..... the way to the Dragon's Residence」

The one who was talking to me was– a very big red dragon.

Its height should be around 15 metres tall. I could not utter a single word after laying my eyes upon its gigantic form.

「Creatures that fall down the waterfall were usually..... drowned in the water, they were destined to be stuck inside the water for a longer time. Whether this can be counted as a good luck or a bad luck..... well done arriving this place through the connected waterways.」

Apparently, it seems that I had flowed to a rocky place.

But..... was it because the influence of the drug before still remained, or was it due to the dangerous fall, my body still couldn't move.

I talked with my only left movable mouth.

「..... I want to ask for a favour.」

「.....This is also some kind of fate. If it is possible for me to accomplish it, I will listen to it.」

While thinking that it was a strange person (or dragon) who unusually listen to what I have to say, I continued.

「.....I've heard that. People who were living in the Dragon's Residence will get stronger.....」

「It is no doubt that a number of people..... became stronger. Those were people who had built friendships with us, and shared their moments with us. When they went out to the world outside..... Maa, it seems that they became famous heroes.」

They were all famous heroic figures.

The details were different depending on the traditional stories, but they were all ordinary people who had connections with the dragons.

They would live together with the dragons, obtain a mysterious power and return with the power to become a hero..... those kind of stories.

「Please bring me..... I want to..... become stronger.」

「..... Unfortunately, I cannot heed to your request.」

「Just now, you've just said that you will listen to my request.」

Yes, the dragon nodded.

「I will listen to your wish as much as possible. There is no lie in those words, dragons are a noble clan..... as long as there is nothing big, we will not speak lies..... No, to be accurate, in order for dragons to retain their powers, they cannot lie. Even if I say it is because of the power of language..... it is not like you will understand.」

「.....The reason for not listening is?」

「There are two reasons. One of them is because of the age restriction. To bring someone to the Dragon's Residence is like accepting him as a family. Human's custom and common knowledge will become an irregularity that might disrupt our place..... long since, humans that were welcomed as a dragon were usually kids and slaves under 12 years old..... They were picked up because of the whims of some dragons.」

「.....The other one is?」

「..... You are already dead, it's not like I can bring the dead with me.」

The dragon was looking at my stomach.

Then the dragon used its claws to lift my head and turned it slightly

downwards.

–Aaa, this is not good.

My internal organs are popped out and my blood was flowing profusely.

Besides that, much pain that couldn't be felt proved it fatal.

Hypothermia..... and seemed like my nervous system was paralyzed.

That means that it was impossible to make use of it anymore.

And, I had just noticed.

That was why the dragon was strangely friendly to me. It probably listen to my request as a sign to respect the dead.....

My time limit was getting shorter, *I need to finish this fast.*

「Jyaa, If I..... clear those conditions?」

「Aaa, It was me who said that I will hear your wishes if I could, and that is not a lie. However, you will die soon, and your age cannot be reverted. That is something that will never happen.」

I laughed fearlessly while asking the dragon.

「I will take your word for it.」

「I gave you my word for what?」

「..... What I want is..... the Protection of the Dragons and..... the Great Library of the Dragon King.」

There, the dragon's voice appeared shocked.

「You..... Why do you know about it? No..... rather than asking..... it will be faster to read your mind.....」

The dragon closed its eyes.

Few seconds later, it started laughing non-stop as if a switch was been broken.

「So it was like that. You are..... a reincarnator aren't you..... and..... Fufu. Fuhahahahaha! I see..... it seems that you are thinking of something interesting.....furthermore—at that day at that place..... you were there. When

the Yuusha's village was being attacked..... I had helped a child of man in a whim there.」

It narrowed its eyes and laughed as if it was truly delighted.

It was getting harder to even let out a voice.

My body is getting sluggish.

「..... At that time, you..... saved a twelve year old from a goblin and return him to his mother. At that moment, you read my mind..... you said this 『You are following a weird fate』.」

「Fufu, if things goes as you wish..... then the words 『at that time』 would have been different.」

I was almost at my limit.

My sight was getting blurry.

At that moment, I heard the dragon's voice.

「『I promised a very troublesome request..... with this, I'll need to bring you back to the Dragon's Residence』.」

「..... Those words..... can I take it as my request was accepted? But..... from here onward.....the future.....is a bet.....」

Then the dragon opened its mouth.

It's gigantic teeth could be seen lined up in that atrocious, big as a grown man's arm, mouth.

「Then die..... Lute Marklen.」

The dragon grabbed me and threw me in its mouth.

A crunch could be heard as he chewed on my skull.

Then— I..... Lute Marklen had died in my second life.

.....Apparently, I have won the bet.

When I had noticed, I was in a mysterious white space.

And there was a blond goddess in front of me.

Yes, this place is the place where I had first arrived after I died in Japan.

And at this moment, it had not been five minutes since I was hit by a truck in Japan.

–Skill: Returning from the dead.

The goddess gave me this skill when I was reincarnated..... No, it was a skill that I had chosen.

What I was afraid was that if this skill would activate or not.

Maa, in the end, the first phase of my bet resulted in my victory.

「It seems like..... a lot has happened.」

She gave me a full smile.

「Aa. A lot had happened. Then..... can I choose the skill to return from the dead once more?」

「Unfortunately, I am sorry I cannot give you this cheat-like skill again..... you can choose two skill other than that one.」

「That's a shame. And..... as expected.」

The success of the second phase of my bet was set here.

Not sure if she had read my mind, the goddess smiled and said.

「The real intention for that item..... There were many who realised it functions like a tutorial .」

「However, there were not many who chose that right?」

「First of all, you will usually have doubts whether you can really return from the dead because it is a skill that only activates when you are dead..... you can only see the effects when you died, it will be too late by then.」

「Indeed, I was also skeptical of whether I could come back here or not.」

「In addition, you can only choose a skill at a time, you cannot take two..... I will also not explain anymore than that. Therefore, even if you returned from dying, there is no guarantee that you can re-choose two skills.」

The goddess shrugged her shoulders and said amazed.

「To return from the dead, there is a possibility that you'll lose one of your skill limit to exchange for experiences. There is only YOU who has chosen this skill without hesitation.....」

「If you are to reincarnate as a villager, you could only gamble, no?」

「So, what kind of skills do you hope to get this time?」

「In the end, will my occupation stay as a villager?」

「Yes. That will not change. And also, you will be born in the same place and the same surroundings..... just like the tutorial before.」

「Skill.....『Indomitable』 (不屈: Fukutsu) is what I want. It is because I am a villager..... I want to have the mental capacity higher than that of an ordinary Japanese can endure..... I cannot become stronger half-baked.」

「What about the other one? Will it be the same as the one before, a skill to read books in your head from libraries around the world..... Wisdom?」

「No, the most effective plan for my second lap will only be completed when I reach 10 years old..... From that point onward, I plan to train in the Dragon Residence's Great Dragon King's Library.」

「What do you want then?」

Right..... I thought while making a bitter smile.

「Do you have a skill for..... gardening?」

The goddess replied with a shocked look.

「Crop cultivation skill can replace it..... but, are you serious?」

「Crop cultivation..... there is no skill other than this which suits a villager better..... then that will be good enough.」

I accepted the skill I had asked for.

In the short while, my smile did not fade.

Feeling peculiar, the goddess asked me.

「Really, why choose..... gardening? In the end, isn't this the same as wasting a skill limit.....?」

I nodded my head and answered.

「That person..... likes flowers. For her, killing is like a daily routine..... at least, I want to grow flowers that can make her smile.」

She thought for a second and nodded her head, then she made a kind smile.

「I understand. Then please accept the Skill: Indomitable and Skill: Crop Cultivation.」

Everything was wrapped in white.

In the middle of the torrents of lights, I heard her excited voice.

「Then, have a good trip.....」

Soon, I was born in the wooden house in my mother.

Yes, born as a powerless and and poor villager.

But now, I am walking on the path to victory.

—My name is Iijima Ryuuto.

There is no other name more suitable than mine to be one of the people who will be accepted into the Dragon's Residence and to be grown as one. (tl: His name 竜人 has the word 竜 which means dragon)

Furthermore, with preparations, I could do stuff that normal people could not when they were young.

This somewhat unreasonable skill: Indomitable should be useful somewhere in the future.

The first time I reincarnated without a cheat..... still though, reincarnations should be a cheat right?

In the lights, my conscious once again— faded.

Saa..... I will be the upstart this time.

After those words, I started my 3rd life.

AN: Cordelia's hair colour is silver and Lilith's is brownish grey

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Chapter 1: Get a juicy knowledge with cheat! *Magic Edition* First Part

Excellent, while i smiled and said inside my heart.

Because this is when my second life started in the same place and the same situation as last time.

"Lute-chan!!"

As i said so, it's when a blue eyed blonde haired woman who raised her voice inside the rugged log house.

First, to consider the event being youngagain.

Well, that is the case.

Anyway, its a simple calculation. Just the other day it has been already 13 years since mother who raised me until this time.

and, while moderately staring at mother.

In her latter half twenties with voluptuous breast, cheerful and beautiful.

To think it was a thing that i could marry her without being forced to be a concubine without forcibly seeing it as nobleman as well.[TN: im not sure in this line]

"Happy 2 years old Birthday!"

Yes, today is my 2 year old birthday.

There are luxurious dishes lined in a rugged log house.

Well, but That is only the usual black breads with bacon soup.

In any case, its quite impression to have a celebration in a situation that makes every effort to the utmost even though we are poor.

Even Nearby people like Neighbours are invited, there are also Cordelia family from next door.

Looking at the red-haired woman wich is Cordelia's wifehouse "Oh, my aunt is young," a frank impression comes to mind.

And, she is also terribly beautiful. (he mean awesomely beautiful i guess?)

It is natural to say that my mother is a beauty because the Cordelia herself is have a face that is set to the extent of "They are truly humans?".

Well, its fine as I am held by my mother and I try to reach out to the black bread on the table.

"Well~ well~ Lute-chan? isn't this (bread) is too solid (bread's texture) for Lute-chan?"

After that, my mother moving to the corner of room while still holding me.

My Household is just a poor farmer.

Well, this house is obviously narrow, it's only have one room.

And the place where my mother headed to is a place partitioned by a curtain.

Its more like.....forcing one room into two rooms

Well, the point is this room is multipurpose, but this time one side of this room is used as nursing room.

And my mother took out her breast.

"Here Lute-chan~ Say aa~n" [TN : *gulp]

"Oh my~ you still drinking milk?"

I heard a surprised voice of Cordelia's mother over the curtain.

Her doubt is obvious, my mother is letting a 2 years old child suck her breast.

Of course, this is unusual. In normal case a child only breastfeed until 1 years old. It's my first time she showing her honest surprised face.

Wait, isn't it a problem in the first place?

I got accustomed to the situation that suddenly sucking the breast of a beauty woman.... and it start from there.

"Eeh, im still let him suck it, but what? Is... that something funny?"

"Erm... no, its both strange to say that is funny and not funny"

At the time when my aunt still mumbling, i heard a croup sound of baby that held by Cordelia's father.

And that is Cordelia's younger brother, a baby with a month of age.

"Oh my~, my son seems to be hungry" [TN: would you preffer "Oh my~" or original Onee-san like "Ara~ Ara~"?]

So my aunt came into the curtain partition side.

Then my aunt exposed her breast as well as my mother and began breastfeeding to her son. [TN: from the raw this line is from 3rd person view so i change it to 1st person, its fine right?]

So, as i looked at my aunt while sucking my mother breast, my aunt laugh and said.

"Hmm? Does Lute want to suck mine (breast) too ?" [TN:..... tch]

While my aunt giggling, my mother said a retort.

"I do not want it"

With a powerful voice —a complete denial.

"... Eeh?"

A silence moment for a while.

And after that I am watching my aunt while sucking mother's milk.

Again, my aunt laughed and smiled nicely, and say.

"Isn't Lute also 『do not want』 my breast"

My mother asserted

"I do not want it"

before my aunt finished talking.

"....Eeh?"

"Lute is fine with only my breast"

"....Eeh?"

"Lute.... IS..... Fine with only my breast, yep he is fine with this"

".....Eeh?" [TN: my favorite line]

"Lute loves Mama, Mama Loves Lute so you want to try?"

"Try...?"

"This child dont want to hug other than me, do you want to try hug him? Because this boy will cry soon when he held by other person because Lute only Love his Mama so he wont crying!" (This quarrel is so cute)

".....Eeh?"

While my aunt quite attracted to this, my mother offered me to aunt.

And my aunt expanded her both hands reflexively and carrying me.

"He will cry soon"

My mother so confidenly i would cry, but i wont cry.

I mean that i was quite shy who realy loved by my mom before i was reincarnated on Earth....

".... He is not crying?"

At the same time my aunt told me that, my mother's face was pale.

"Why... what's wrong!? Lute-chan !! Lute-chan ! Mommy is more than that such a woman right?Lute Love Mama, isn't he? Lute is only want to be held by mommy, isn't it? Why are you not crying? Don't cry and ask Mommy for help!?"

"such a woman....?"

Aunt who has a blank facial expression and a bit sad.

Like before she should have noticed the abnormality of my mother this time.

Nevertheless, after all, I thought that the Cordelia family is also good because I was getting along with my neighborhood like with my friends.

- As you have noticed, my mother is a sick lover at a morbid level.

And then, my mother began running to the entrance while still carrying me.

"Hey, you! Where are you going !?"

Ignoring the father who stop her, my mother run like a rabbit.

"Lute-chan.... you need must go to doctor...!"

Then, we run in a straight line with a tremendous speed toward the only pharmacist house in the village.

~WellI feel relieved toward my mother as usual.

And the time has come, at late night

I do not know the current time, well... maybe its around midnight.

I was laid in a bed for baby and I looked around. Okay, both mother and father are asleep.

And carefully.

——It's come.

What I am doing now is ... practicing using magic.

It is commonly referred to as life magic, it is easy to use even child can use it if you understand concepts and know the tricks.

Well, understanding concepts is difficult for ordinary babies, mostly it is born with high level of controlling magical power skill. It is impossible except for a genius child who will do everything sensually.

And.. hey that is me, i am an adult who have a child body, it is like i am a Genius like some detective out there.

Then, as a result of magic exercise, faint wind was going around the room.

Because the wind is blown up by the baby, there is no power like the wind blown from the window. So, as long as my parents are sleeping, there is no such thing as being found out and troublesome thing.

However, even i bother up to wake up until midnight and use life magic only to generate a wak wind in the room.

What is the meaning of this There is no point in itself that only causes the weak wind.

The reason for choosing the wind is the most not noticeable, it was okay to raise a fire like a match otherwise, it was okay to have a glass of water.

My aim is - that is, using magic that is my MP magic point is consumed.

Again, I thrust my palm towards the ceiling. Then a gentle wind will be generated inside the room again.

1 time, 2 times, 3 times, 4 times ah, my vision is faded.

Apparently, my magical power is at the limit ... It seems I'm exhausted

So why did I repeat such a thing until the MP became zero ... well that is already planned.

Because, i want to be stronger.

Well, let's get down to business now. How can the villagers become stronger

... ... this is the first step.

Chapter 2: Get a juicy knowledge with cheat! *Magic Edition Second Part*

—Well, let's talk about serious stuff.. About the way of how a villager can become stronger..... the first step of it.

Before that, I should explain about the skill wisdom.

Skill: Wisdom

Books are ranked differently from Rank S ~ Rank B in this world. This skill allows me to read every book below Rank B (and Rank B itself) in my head and it was the skill that I had in my second life.

Ranks are roughly given based on two criteria.

Simply because the secrecy of the information is high, or the information itself might be dangerous.

You can somewhat know the reason why highly confidential information are ranked as such, but I am sure that you would need an explanation on how the information might be dangerous.

It's not like in the spy movies, knowing things that you shouldn't know and you will be erased for it..... not in that sense of danger, but it is more like the knowledge of the information itself is the danger.

As an example, if you read a grimoire that has magic casted upon it, the mentality of the person reading it will get contaminated, I am referring more on that sense of danger.....

And, Skill: Wisdom allows me to browse through books up to Rank B, therefore that kind of danger was completely eliminated.

In the last tutorial, I was trying to acquire various knowledge by reading books in my head while I was a toddler.

—And this time, the knowledge that I am applying is from a historical book..... it was banned because it is morally repugnant and was given a Rank B for it.

The contents written was too extreme and the background of the book was

quite heavy. Well, it was a book placed a little too deep in a library of some magic academy..... and the browsing for it was only acceptable if you obtained special permission.

Firstly, let me explain the background of the book.

To speak of it bluntly, it was written by a certain magician organization—regarding human experiments

で、その魔術師団体ってのはカルト宗教の色彩の濃い物で、それはそれは素敵な連中だったらしい. (tl: Help pls, though I know he is trying to be sarcastic in the second phrase, I don't get the first phrase)

Speaking of the contents of the book..... it will make an elegant aunt who is a PTA president knit her brows after the first few lines of the *wonderful* contents in the book.

Well, it was just a group of mages who had a screw loose in the head, experimenting on humans however they liked..... moral values aside, the academic value is simply high.

First of all, when thinking about why a religious group would do something like human experiments..... it seemed like that religious group was seriously aiming for world domination through those experiments.

A world conquest, they want a WORLD CONQUEST..... what a funny joke.

So, the book states the methods and the results of human body modifications to foster the strongest soldier.

As such, the methods described in the book are such that showed terrible side effects with doping (doping: using drugs to temporarily increase some specs, in this case, MP) and written about the fusion experiments of a human and a demon. (tl:'chimera human' get it?)

Even if I did become strong with such method, it does not really mean anything if I got strong in *that* sense.

About temporary doping.....Well, even if they expect to make it more efficient in the future (with less side effects), I would like to pass on the opportunity in making my internal organs tattered as written in the book.

And, so, it showed the descriptions of the method used that could be ignored until..... there was one section that caught my eye.

- About the increase in MP capacity during early childhood

To clearly explain this item, you must first understand the concept of soul and life energy that is related to the universe-..... Well, there are various things that need explanations.

However, to explain all of it clearly could be long, I will only explain the appropriate portion of it.

To speak of it bluntly, the talent of a baby is amazing. It is to the point that it is ridiculous.

That is all.

.....If I finish explaining here, it seems like someone (some bitches) from someplace would cause a riot, therefore I will further explain a little more.

It would be easier to explain if I say that the children in modern Japan has strong spiritual intuition, they can see 'things' that a normal adult can't see.

In addition, the learning absorption rate of a child is really ridiculous.

And in this world which the concept of mana literally exist.

So, what would happen if I used my mana till exhaustion..... let's say in a more traditional way.

—— Baby, Mana, Absorption Rate, Really Extraordinary (for those who wants it in romaji: akachan, maryoku, kakuchouritsu, maji hampanai)

So that is the gist of it.

So, in that sense, it means that I have a tremendous advantage.

This is because, ordinary babies do not know how to use their MP.

Well, you can be a genius with over-powered skills and use magic instinctively while being a baby..... even so, babies would not use their MP till it is exhausted.

It's because it is quite dangerous to use your Magic Point until it reaches zero.

Just like the phenomenon of 'hunger knock' on Earth where over exercising causing sudden fatigue due to glycogen depletion, causing the body to be temporarily immobile due to lack of nutrition.

At a level similar to that, you can say that it is pretty dangerous to reach zero MP.

It may be better to say it is similar to the human body structure, even adults who start to use muscles which are seldom used will suffer from muscle pain.

And, in the case of mana deficiency, it causes a headache worse than a muscle pain.

Actually, now, I am being attacked by a ridiculously painful headache.

One (blast of magic) every ten seconds, makes me feel like my cerebral cortex is being hit with the full swing of a metal bat..... the headache is at least that painful.

With Skill: Indomitable activated, I am able to somehow withstand the pain but it is still taking a toll on me.

That is why, I could not use this method despite knowing it in the tutorial.

No, it is more accurate to say that I had tried this a couple of times myself, but was not something that I could endure without any sort of skill.

Even if I did become stronger that way (without using skills to endure it), who in the world would be so masochistic to bear the pain of piercing his stomach (切腹: seppuku) every day.

Well, this method is at that level where..... it is a very reckless special training method.

However..... and I smiled.

That was why, despite the world being so wide, there is only me who can use this method.

A pain that even with the memories of my adult self could not endure, let alone infants to train with this method.

There is no such things.

In my blurred vision and a domineering headache..... as expected, my smile doesn't fade.

The domineering pain in my head means that my mana will expand without limit

The older I become, the pain of MP depletion felt will become a smaller feat.

Instead, the expansion rate of my MP will drop in the future.

—Certainly, I'm a villager

But, as far as the MP expansion rate of an infant is concerned— it has reached the rate where it expands a few hundred times more than of a normal adult.

The Heroes, Sages, Saints, nor the Demon Kings— None of them can match the growth rate of my Magic Point.

It's a big headstart for me.

Currently, I am definitely the strongest two-year old.

However..... but I thought

Heroes, Sages, Sword Saints, Phantom Thieves, Holy Knights.

As if set by the laws and rules of the world, they would surely close the distance between us.

After all, there is a despairing difference in talent the moment we were born.

No matter how much effort an ordinary man puts in, still, geniuses will catch up fast.

Maybe it means that there are limitations to a ordinary person's talent, or is it just an impossible feat to win against a genius.

Whatever blood and sweat were put in, there is always a peak where you can never reach.

That is also a fact that I understand.

However..... and I thought

— Then, before I will be caught up to..... I will create a larger margin between us. Even if it is a place were a villager can never reach..... I will use a way that is

extraordinary..... to climb to the peak to show ~~those idiots~~ them.....

— And two years had passed uneventfully.

My 4th birthday.

I had gotten my status plate from the city's priest.

Even though it is more common to find reincarnation web novels in Japan that makes you get your status plate in some guild..... Here, everyone can get one of those from the church at their 4th birthday.

The numbers in the status plate can only be seen by the person owning it themselves.

I lied to my parents (about my status).

Of course I would do that.

If my numbers were known by others, I will surely be attracting weird attention

Yes..... this is something at a level that will disrupt the world if my status were to be publicised.

After all, my status is as follows.

Race :Human

Occupation :Villager

Age :4 years old

Condition :Normal

Level :1

HP :3/3

MP :6852/6852

Attack Power :1

Defense Power :1

Magic :1250

Evasion :1

Strengthening Skill

【????: Level 4】

Defensive Skill

【Indestructible Stomach: Level 2】

【Mental Resistance: Level 2】

【Indomitable: Level 10 (MAX)】

Daily Skill:

【Crop Cultivation: Level 15 (Limit Break: The Goddess’ Gift)】

Magic Skill

【Mana Manipulation: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Life Magic: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Elementary Attack Magic: Level 7】

【Elementary Recovery Magic: Level 7】

Title

【Strongest Infant on Land: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Youngest Sage: Level 10 (MAX)】

Yup.

It seems like..... I had grown much more than expected.

Chapter 3: Get a juicy knowledge with cheat! *Money Earning Edition*

"I'm going"

As I said when i laeving home.
My house is in the countryside.
Behind my house is a mountain.

And except for the mountain, my house is surrounded by rice field, it is around 500 meters away to the neighbour house wich is Corfelia's.
[TN:neighbour? 500 m away, whoaa...]

So ... I can walk around to some extent alone when I was four years old.

My household is poor. Well, it's just an villager family.

And now, I am playing alone, and i supposed to picking wild vegetables at the side of mountain.

I mean, speaking about a genius boy playing in the mountain, that's where i am. [TN:bruh...]

Whatever it is called, as natural matter to eat wild vegetables, and I also bring back some medicinal herbs that sell by value with quite high probability.

That's why my parents have decided to discretion in a certain degree for me who is walking down from mountain early in the morning and evening. [TN: im not sure in this line, does he mean he is goes to mountain 2 times in a day?]

Well, I don't have a lot of time to do something so troublesome such as picking wild vegetables or taking medicinal herbs.

Wild Vegetables, Medicinal Herbs, and sometimes Rabbit Meats.

Sometimes I taking all of those home..... Sometimes I bought those in the town.

That why I decided to go to mountain and asking myself "What were you doing at the mountain?"..... I tought "I went outside the village and earn some money"

How does a mere 4 years old child earn money? or, what are you earning money for?

As for How to earn, its simple story with my MP and skills.

And, it is a simple answer to what i am earning for.

-I decided to become stronger.

Then, on the rice field that leads the way to where the mountain is, I encountered the future 'Hero'- Cordelia.

One piece on smooth crimson hair like silk and blue eyes.

A Beauty that 'common sense' can only expressed as an angel, exactly with that white smooth skin.

To say that, she is not too easy to imagine that her future would grow so beautifully. But I know that she will grow up into a really ridiculous beauty.

As I thought that, she running towards me while her cheeks inflating (pouting).

"I want to~ go to the mountain with Lute~"

Sorry Cordelia. Where I go to is not a mountain but a city.

"...I'm not going to bring Cordelia with me"

"Ugugu....gugu...." (while pouting) [TN: so cute....]

Cordelia is in the edge of want to cry while watching me.

"Lute is.... won't play with me... Why? Why? I am lonely..." [TN: can i hug her?... dont ever call police okay?]

If i want to say everyting, I just can say that is your fault.

Even though she hasn't received a oracle. A proof that someone is certified as 'Hero', someone who have a status that growing at the speed of light -because the gap of growing is like an different dimension.

That's why the 'present' me..... have to make a choice.

Then *Pon (SFX) and i pat her head.

"I will play with you next time so.... I'm sorry"

A big grain of tears flowed on her cheek.

"idiot... Lute is Lute is.... Idioo-----t!" [TN: aa~ Lute is guilty, to make a Cute child like her cry]

Cordelia going home and running off shouted with tears.

"I....I won't listen to you anymore!"

That quite a pain i thought... I caught sight of Cordelia who is running off in a crowd.

And she got scolded on the way.

".....Uwaaa~! *hiks..u...uu~ *hiks I...idiot! Lu~te is idiot!"

Whoaa.... what a pain....

Then, she began walking to the entrance of my house.

"....Now"

I entered the mountain with the slight of power from my skill.

Then I run through the forest at the speed of wind.

Around 100 meter run with only 14 second, for young children that throught out the forest at ultra high speed.

What I use is physical ability strengthening : Level 4.

The theory of physical strengthening is very simple.

It is said to reinforce muscle cells with magical power to produce force that exceeding the limit of potential ability.

So, there is no one who can use this at my age.

Well, there is no doubt that it is quite rare, but this skill is a skill that is considered essential in close battle.

If you are a son of a nobility from a professional soldier who is charged with Iroha martial arts, probably you can use it around the same age as me.

By the way, it was 7 years old that Cordelia's oracle was received and at the age of 6 and she learned this skill Well, whatever.

In other words, this skill is quite hard to learn and i train it up to Level 4.

And.... Thanks to this skill I can instaneously draw unexpected power output, obviously there is need a consideration for using this skill.

Because it reinforces the muscles with magical power, it inevitably uses MP.

And if the user MP is dried out, he is done for.

That's why, normally this skill is used when you are really need a boost for physical ability, temporary.

For example, when you are in battle, or like carrying a huge baggage.

However, even though my MP capacity exceeds that the adult have,.....
Seriously, what a cheat i am.

That skill can be strengthened throughout the day [TN: not sure in this line
それこそ一日中でも強化してられる。]

Actually, by just adding or subtracting power adjustments, I constantly strengthening that skill. (adjusting his mana output, maybe)

Recently, it's so difficult to exhausting my MP, and i have to deplete my MP like this right now. (He mean draining his MP on the go)

Honestly, what i did is too much in many ways [TN: he reflecting himself, at least]

Like ... go through the mountains and enter the forested land at the flatland.

I run and keep running through the forest for 30 minutes.

Finally I reached the roadside town on the highway.

And at the end of the road - While at the usual place-nobody is around, I put a goza (kind of mat) like usual and set a price list.

Then, a traveler took off his shoes in less than a few minutes and sat down on the goza.

"Hey young'un..... are you under supervision within the Curch? Is it good.... is it good with just 2 copper coins?"

it's worth around 2000 yen in japan.

When i nodded, the traveler showed me the soles of his feet to me.

"The blister is wounded when walking.... Afterward it's purely fatigue accumulating on the feet"

After I said that words, I applied the healing magic to the traveler's feet.

Then that blister wound is healed while the patient was watching.

"Unn...(yes), thank you"

Satisfied with the treatment, he stood up and give the money to me.

What I did there is an instant healing magic.

Usually this lodging cities (Port town) is the rest area for peddler or traveler.

The traffic on this highway is quite crowded, my work wont interrupted, and customers will appear constantly.

Especially, I'm doing it at a price that less than half of usual price, so it's quite pulling some customers.

Even though my MP extension is in fever time continues, it is so boring with my skyhigh MP capacity until it runs out.

And if someone is at my age, that is not uncommon (not rare) to be able to handle rudimentary the recovery magic if you are a son of professional magician.

Well~, there are no one who can do infinite recovery magic like me.

That's why i'm traveling around the town's roadside of the highway with a tremendous number of treatments that not stand out too much, and I planning to spend on consumption my MP and small earnings.

By the way, money that was I earning in the past six month is around 100 million Japanese yen that I stored behind the mountain.

Even with this alone you already know how ridiculously my MP is. That is because the order of recovery magic that determined with supply and demand.
[TN: not sure in this line]

Well, this is still so far from the target amount.

It's not like I am in a hurry, it's just like I want to expanding my MP . [TN: how greedy human creature are....]

And then.

Its alredy evening while I still around the post town.

While I looking at the status plate, it seems my strengthening physical ability became 5 because i was running around.

*Uuush, when i made a guts pose, I Packing up my goza and went home.

Opposite to where the road i came from, I entered from the large forest and then exited to backyard.

I dug the ground and pick up the vase from there and threw the money that I earned today into there.

So.... I passing throught the mountain and went out to rice field.

And I encountered Cordelia [TN: The wild cute girl appeared.... sorry i can't hold myself at that line from P*kemon]

"....."

She is starring at me with her puffed cheeks.

"What's wrong, Cordelia?"

"....." [TN: the best line ever!]

She still silent and keep staring at me.

"So, what's wrong, Cordelia?"

Then she turn to sideways with a sound effect.

".....won't"

"I can't hear you, is your voice that small?"

"I said I won't talk to you anymore.... I have been here since morning"

Uwaa... What a pain....

I picking up something at my pocket and took out the parcel.

And approaching Cordelia.

"Hey, It's a souvenir for you"

"....eeh~?"

Cordelia open up the wrapped parcel.

"It's a whole bread sandwich, bacon with lettuce and cheese are sandwiched... that you like, you want it?"

Bread that is served as meal in poor farmers household is called black bread.

It's texture very hard and i can't eat as is it.

Soak it in soup, and it's like finally it can be eaten, that was totally different from the bread that i know before.

Bread that you can eat in Japan is a luxury item called white bread in here.
(it's not only japan geeez)

there is no chance to eat it (white bread) without a little celebration, and also white bread is Cordelia's favorite.

"....."

After a brief mute, Cordelia smiled widely.

"This is so troublesome, so please just eat it right now"

After i said that, Cordelia nodded like a clown and began picking up the sandwich with tremendous momentum (hasty movement).

Actually, it is very weird to say that 'I got this food from Lute' and bring it home.

My parents still think me as an ordinary kid. [TN: well, you're a naughty one you know]

".....hnn"

Cordelia who finished her meal lending her right hand towards me.

This is a thing that called 'connecting/holding hands'.

While thinking that is so troublesome, I took her hand, and we started walking towards our home. [TN: Tch.....]

"Ne~ ne~ Lu~te?" (Ne~ ne same as 'Hey hey' if you didn't know that)

"...Hm?"

"Today~, my mother is~" <Cordelia>

"You see..." <Lute>

"Hmm, what?" <Cordelia>

"You say you won't talk to me for the rest of your life, right?" <Lute>

To my words, Cordelia answered with a big smile.

"Do you know what i mean?" <Cordelia>

"...hn?" <Lute>

"I take what i said back~"

Wry smile appeared at my face towards her words.

"Yeah~ yeah~ is that so~?"

Then we joined hands and we go home to each of our house.

Two years has passed when I still continuing such a life... Finally the amount of target was reached.

My enhancement program proceed to the next stage.

Name : Lute McLain
Race : Human
Occupation : Villager
Age : 6 years old
Condition : Normal

Level : 1
HP : 3 → 12/12
MP : 6852 → 10420/10420
ATK Power : 1 → 15
DEF Power : 1 → 15
Magical Power : 1250 → 1923
Evassive : 1 → 35

Stengthening Skill
【Physical strengthening: Level 4 → 10 (MAX)】

Defensive skill

【Stomach Strength: Level 2】
【Mental Resistance: Level 2】
【Intolerance: level 10 (MAX)】

Normal skill:

【
Agricultural work: Level 15 (Limit Break : Goddess Gift)
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Magical

【Magical power operation: Level 10 (MAX)】
【Life Magic: Level 10 (MAX)】
【Elementary attack magic: Level 7】
【Elementary recovery magic: Level 7】

title

【Strongest Child on Earth: Level 10 (MAX)】
【Youngest Sage: Level 10 (MAX)】
【People's Healing Hand: Level 0 → 10 (MAX)】
【Saints: Level 0 → 3】

Chapter 4: Get a juicy knowledge with cheat!

Apprenticeship Edition

Hey, it's me.

I have gained a title called saint or something.

To be honest..... I have grown considerably stronger than expected.

..... My cheat-like mana is quite dangerous.

Even though I say such things, I'm still only a villager.

No matter how high my mana or MP is, I cannot use high-ranking magic.

As evidence, no matter how much I use magic, my Elementary Magic level grew but is still stuck at Level 7.

Well, the surplus mana and MP can be solved once I get into the dragon's den.

I mean, at my stage now, I could hunt demons but..... I do not want to level up yet.

There is a reason to it.

The place where I am headed for today is..... the valley behind the hill in front of my house.

Well, there is a big waterfall there and a dirty old man living in a cabin around that area.

In my village, he is branded as a weird wanderer.

Actually, when he comes down to the village, he is serviced at a higher price than normal (ぼったくり: an act of charging a higher fee for inferior goods or services, in other words, the shopkeeper doesn't like you). Normal villagers also avoid the old man and spout gossip about him.

And if looking at the chronological order of the following events in the tutorial, a few months later, Cordelia will receive an oracle.

A great man from the capital will rush to our village and search around..... it turns out that the old man is an incredible person.

—Bernard Alabaster.

He is a swordsman who was once said to be the strongest in the Knights Order of the Kingdom.

Because he was living nearby, the chief villager lowered his head and requested him to guide Cordelia to become a swordswoman, but he refused.

Of course that would be the case.

If you were treated as a weird person and when your identity was exposed, you'd surely feel sick if people suddenly sucked up to you.

So..... even if he is the strongest in the Knights Order of the capital, staying in the outskirts of the country, honestly, I don't really care about those.

What's important is his experiences.

He was born as a villager, grew up as a villager, and got married as a villager.

Besides farm work, he was blessed with three daughters, though poor, he had built a happy family.

Until that incident happened, the third year after his last child was born.

— His village was attacked by a group of orcs.

The difference in battle strength was apparent, men also gave up resisting, the village was trampled upon without being able to do anything

Women were kidnapped for sexual purposes (苗床: idk how to describe this but meh, better not know) and all the wheat storage were being plundered.

Of course, his wife and his daughters were taken away by the orcs.

—And he who had lost everything disappeared from his village.

After that.....

10 years had passed, he suddenly appeared in the Capital's Sword Fighting Competition

Just with that, holding off the powerhouses who are expected to win in the

competition, he spectacularly won and became one of the knights in the Knights Order.

Also, in those few years, he became the Order's Commander and put all his blood and sweat into destroying orc groupings.

In actual fact, the title Orc Killer is more well-known than his real name.

And with that, after he killed every orc in the country, he retired from the Order and lived alone in this valley.

Well, to him, his remaining lifespan is like an extra.

And he is important to me just for one reason.

He is a villager— however..... even though his is only on a country level, it is no joke that he won the Sword Fighting Competition as a villager.

That's why, I'm going to his place..... the reason for me walking now.

「Go home」

That was the first words he said to me while drinking a bottle of spirit (tl: an alcohol beverage okay, not some ghost or sth) A man full of white hair in his 40s.

A ridiculously muscled and stubborn bearded man, living in a room with about 10 tatami mats.

If you would see his room, there are bottles and rubbish all around the place.

The room was terribly unhygienic moreover, it reeks of alcohol

「It's not like I could just go home」

I picked up one of the bottles.

I poured the contents into a cup from the floor and downed it in one go.

The sake was bad.

The 700 yen whisky sold in bottles in Japan are tastier than these.

「Kid..... you drink?」

「Don't you have higher quality sake? this is just too bad.」

There, Bernard-san said with a small smile.

「You're a weird kid. Then here to..... become an apprentice?」

「Yes, it's that.」

After thinking for a while, Bernard-san shook his head.

「I said to go home. The me now cannot teach anyone. Even if I say that actually.....」

I stopped Bernard-san words with my palm.

「Is it about your disease?」

There Bernard-san's facial expression turned white 「I've never said it to anyone though?」

「Well, of course you didn't」

I returned my words with a fearless smile.

It was fated for Bernard-san to die because of his liver cirrhosis.

Thought I know it was wrong to do so..... I took out a small bottle (tl: bribing)

「Oi..... Kid..... This is?」

「It's an elixir」

Liver cirrhosis..... this is a magical drug suitable for treating visceral disorder

If there were is such a thing in modern Japan and there was only a limited supply of these, it will be a medicine worth over 100 million for a unit of these babies.

This medicine uses so much expensive materials as if water flowing from a tap, no wonder the production is so less.

Inevitably, it is also traded at a ridiculously high price in this world.

Bernard-san looked at the green liquid with a shocked expression and started laughing.

「Fuhaha.....! Fuhahaha」

「Kid..... How did you make so much (money)?」

「..... Earned some with Healing Magic」

「You can use Healing Magic..... Still, to buy an elixir requires a large amount.....」

I stayed silent for a while thinking if I should say it or not, I decided to speak the truth.

「My MP is over ten thousand」

As I said that I took my status plate out.

I said, internally ordering every section hidden besides the stats for MP and mana.

「Status plate open. I permit others to see」

And so, Bernard-san looked with big eyes.

It was a — long, long silence.

A mysterious youth who knew his disease that he had never told anyone of, furthermore, had an elixir on hand.

Moreover, he has MP and mana that a human can never have — If he was an enemy, there is nothing as scary as this (boy).

「..... You are a yokai..... or a type of demon? Having MP of ten thousand..... There is no world that has a A Rank Mage of that calibre.....」

「No, I'm just a normal human」

Bernard-san laughed as if it was a joke.

「Then, why does a MP over ten thousand monster want me as a master? If you want to learn magic, you should be in the Magic Academy in the capital of the country..... no, the capital of the empire」

「I am a villager. However the efforts I put in, the most I can reach is Elementary Magic」

After thinking for a while, Bernard-san nodded his head.

「Is seems like you have a lot of..... reasons. Then..... is that why you came to my place?」

「Yes, that was the reason I've saved up the money I've earned. It will be a problem for me if you'd die.」

「Haha..... Really, a spooky kid? Can you tell me your problems?」

「I have to get stronger. Any more than that..... I'm sorry」

「Well that's given..... then..... Your aim is to learn Body Strengthening Technique?」

I nodded my head.

Body Strengthening Technique— a skill to strengthen the body.(edn:No shit Sherlock.)

It is different from the Physical Strengthening that I have now.

Potential power (the atk pow in the stats)as a base, Physical Strengthening is a way to further raise the power. With the body of a mere villager, the power gained does not amount to a lot.

And there, Body Strengthening Technique is needed.

That is a skill to raise the base stats, and to raise the lower stats of a person.

(tl: meaning, Physical Strengthening is a multiply skill ie: $n \times 2$ while Body Strengthening Technique is ie: $n + 150$ to the base stats)

However, it is a skill that uses up a lot of MP, normally, there would be no one who wants to learn that skill.

Bernard-san too, to fight against the orcs..... recklessly raises his MP in the first phase. (to use this skill) Furthermore he is just a villager.

—Alcohol is not the reason for his disease.

It's because I know that doping is possible.

Making full use of the shortest route (to raise MP)— for revenge, he recklessly uses his body despite being a villager.

In actuality, even if he did drink the elixir and cure the disease in his internal organs, the severe backlash that has appeared in many places of his body cannot be cured That's why, even if you in-digest an elixir and did your best (to live I presume), he will not live long or at least not as long until his fated day

(death caused by age).

「But..... You need the skill Physical Strengthening before you can learn Body Strengthening Technique? You need to first learn that skill」

Yes, I nodded my head and said.

「If it is that skill, I'm already using it」

And so, I lightly held up Bernard-san.

「.....Hmm. It does seem like you are using it」

「FYI, the skill level is maxed」

Bernard-san said again with a heavy sigh.

「What kind of kid ARE you. However..... that MP is really out of the norm. I want to know something..... How did you train until you got that kind of status?」

「You can get there if you can endure the pain. And..... Kimonhou (鬼門法: direct translation is ghost door way, pls give better term for this) is also the same. Is it not?」

There, Bernard-san's expression became weird.

「I'll get it if you know about..... Body Strengthening Technique. Where did you..... know that..... kinjutsu (禁術: banned technique) ?」

I took a moment to gather my thoughts, and I decided to honestly say.

「I know..... most of the things」

That reply does not really answer anything.

However, Bernard-san made an expression that is of somewhat getting convinced.

「Aren't you actually a type of mononoke ([wiki](#), if don't know) or something..... even if I say so, I owe you for saving my life. Then..... kinjutsu..... Kimonhou, what do you know about this?」

「To become a asura (修羅 [shura]: demigod, just google-sensei, he is always our teacher) as a human— to explosively raise fundamental status..... a way to

become an oni」

「To be precise it is actually a way that drives you until you become an oni.....
Do you know why was it a kinjutsu?」

「The usage of MP is enormous..... the situation where the user depletes his
mana until it is empty, the soul will be used to continue strengthening the
technique..... it's like death by accident right?」

「If you have Body Strengthening Technique and Physical Strengthening, mana
depletion till empty can be prevented. But– Kimonhou will continue using the
soul unless stopped by the user」

With a heavy silence, Bernard-san searched for an answer.

「When mana is used up, it will be your life at stake..... it is a technique
parallel to death? You still want to learn that?」

There, I laughed mischievously.

「Who do you think you are talking to?」

I continued my words with a slight smile.

「Isn't my MP more than ten thousand?」

As if remembering something funny, Bernard-san laughed.

「Yes..... I forgot about it. It was just too illogical..... I've accidentally explained
it like I would to a normal person..... Well, that would be fine..... If it is you.....
you can surely bring out its full potential.....」

Then, he patted my head, causing a mess.

「–You..... will get stronger」

「That's what I've said」

I offered out my right hand.

Bernard-san strongly took my hand.

–I have to get stronger

Six years had passed after that.

Tomorrow is that day that the goblins will attack my village.

It's also the day that the dragon comes to rescue Cordelia.

Race :Human

Occupation :Villager

Age :12 years old

Condition :Normal

Level :1

HP :12 → 50/50

MP :10420 → 12050/12050

Attack Power :15 → 35

Defense Power :15 → 35

Magic :1923 → 2154

Evasion :35 → 55

Strengthening Skill

【Physical Strengthening: Level 10 (MAX) 】

【Body Strengthening Technique: Level 0→ 10 (MAX)】

【Kimonhou: Level 0 → 5】

Defensive Skill

【Indestructible Stomach: Level 2】

【Mental Resistance: Level 2】

【Indomitable: Level 10 (MAX)】

Daily Skill:

【Crop Cultivation: Level 15 (Limit Break: The Goddess' Gift)】

【Sword Technique: Level 0 → 4】

【Taijutsu: Level 0 → 6】

Magic Skill

【Mana Manipulation: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Life Magic: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Elementary Attack Magic: Level 7 (Growth Limit)】

【Elementary Recovery Magic: Level 7 (Growth Limit)】

Title

【Strongest Infant on Land: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Youngest Sage: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Commoner’s Healing Hand: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Saint: Level 3 (Growth Limit)】

【Devil Child: Level 0 → 10 (MAX)】

【Heretic Mage: Level 0 → 2】

▪ When using Body Strengthening Technique

Atk pow▪Def pow▪Evasion + 150 Correction

▪ When using Kimonhou

Atk pow▪Def pow▪Evasion + 250 Correction

▪ When using Physical Strengthening

Atk pow▪Def pow▪Evasion × 2 Correction

Chapter 5: Get a juicy knowledge with cheat! (Me) VS *Goblin Edition* First Part

--When I still in the tutorial On that day, I could only look at Cordelia who is hurt and just stood on that spot.

The Horde of Goblins attacked my village because they wanted food supply and they purely attacking for food.... I guess that the reason.

....But.

The oracle decided the 'Hero' already and the chosen one is Cordelia

What's more, she was 12 years old at that time.

Indeed, when her aptitude as 'Hero', her growth is absurdly like a monster.

Compared to normal people, her status at that time is certainly amazing.

But, before her full-fledge growth status at the prime time, she is still 12 years old girl.

As for her ability at that point, even the those middle-aged veteran who seems to be wearing 'Kuda' in his glorious past while in Adventurer's guild is still somewhat useless. [TN: idk what is Kuda in this line, when i googling what the meaning of it in japanese terms, what i found is pipe fox, or pipe cigarette, this is pipe fox http://blog-imgs-56.fc2.com/2/6/c/26chieko/002520_000303_1321095864.jpg]

I think the number of goblin exceeded 1000.....probably.

Their number is too great

Even adults pushed everything to her the 'Hero' who is stand in front line.

To put it simply, they (adults/villagers) just trembling and holed up themselves in the village church.

Even all the enemies are regarded as small fish yep, the goblins.

A lot of people (villager) are involved in protecting the village..... and they are fighting back with a hoe, and swing the hoe in full force. If they supporting Cordelia.... maybe they have been able to drive out those goblins with the strength of the whole village.

-but, they didn't choose that option.

And they entrusted everything to 12-years old girl who is just received title as 'Hero' from Oracle.

Then, in the middle of dead bodies, she worked while struggling like a lion with the sword with the blade is spilled in bloods and oil. [TN: Oil?]

With her physical ability, Cordelia could escape from the army of goblins.

But, she didn't do that.

In the alley of building, at the back is a wall.

Foolishly, she is..... pushed back violently from the chain of attack, because, she is protecting the trembling boy behind her.

-and, because that boy...she can't escape or run away

Even if he is crying, no one comes to help.

There is impossible to fight back.

However, Cordelia gets hurt in front of that boy.

She repeatedly looked at that boy and said-

"Lute! are you alright?! It's okay... because I'm here-kuh..! I will clean up all of those guys...guh! Please call me out loud... if something happened to you...!"

Cordelia herself is bled from her whole body and her face was pale.

And I.... uninjured.

To be honest, that was.... the most hard time i had.

Yes, I am..... not even helping her, even in the battlefield..... in the first place.

At that time, for the first time I learned the sin of my powerlessness.

Countless of slashing attack.

And thus, a tragedy.

Returning the vermillion of Cordelia's red hair become more red from her own blood and their's. (maybe goblin bloods)

After all, we are outnumbered.

Finally Cordelia run out of stamina, and she were on one knee.

The goblins who surround us come with the sharp siege and scorching torch.

She was fighting with goblins in the last moment, and finally reached her limit.

She receive the goblin's spear attack.

Then... Her right hand, receiving a deep wound and still survive until her end of life, after that she fell down on the spot.

So I thought I was killed afterward

But-a single dragon appeared.

And then I and Cordelia seemed to be helped by that dragon.

This is, the end of that story.

Then, this time.... when the dragon helped me, the dragon supposed to take me to the dragon village.

So, I have to trace as much as possible to remember from the previous history.

Strangely/Oddly, I have the power force to drove away the horde of goblins to help out Cordelia..... maybe the dragon wouldn't come out this time.[TN: is this the story before chapter 1 or what? isn't previously he is already dead once again and reincarnated again?]

- I admit it, this is extremely troublesome.

So, what i do this time is..... pretending to be late to escape and fled because that raid of goblins.

And I wandered into alley that surrounded by building.

Then, Cordelia appeared with her crimson hair swaying as my condition in a pinch while being surrounded by goblins.

The event from previous time was exactly same as this time that is called repeating time

The horde of goblins is approaching, and Cordelia cleans up with great momentum.

However, she isn't used to battle, she gradually out of stamina and MP without thinking allocation of her own pace.{TN: in other words with one word

"Noob", like me though *sniff]

Now, It's my verocious duty time.

-Too much waste of movement. Honestly, I've already used to strengthen my physical ability. Unlike Cordelia, my MP is infinite..... at least I saving it (his power) if anything like marathon of battle like this event happened.

Although they make me cornered, I can't help Cordelia.

Because, she won't die even i didn't help her.

Yeah, although she got some wound, she won't die.

It is more bothering me if she repeatedly got more scar.

"Kyaa...!"

The goblin's spear head grazing Cordelia's cheek.

Cordelia screamed when she is bleeding lightly.

"YOU BASTAAAAARD!!!" [TN: sorry i can't hold back to use that word, RAW:
「このおおおおっ！！」

The goblin's stomach slashed by sword.

The goblin who realized it's guts flowing out from their own stomach is fell down on the spot.

She slashed her sword.

Another goblin collapsed.

She slashed her sword.

Yet another goblin collapsed.

She slashed her sword.

One more goblin collapsed, and an arrow flying toward her from behind.

She avoid it but it graze her, another scar is carved on her skin.

How long has it been since the battle began.

Having wounds all over her's body since last time.

And her breath is quite rough, she asked me while saw the situation at the alley's corner.

"Lute!? You're alive!? It's alright... because I'm here! I'll clean up all of them now....! If you need help... just call me okay?"

So she is, as I though, bloods dripped from her whole body.

And exactly like the last time, I am stil unharmed

Then-innumerable slash and scourge are received.

Cordelia's crimson hair become more intense blood coloured from the many of goblin's bloods.

At least her stamina....no, to be more precise her MP is running out.

In the symptom of MP depletion, she is unable to battle and on one knee.

The goblins surrounding her and close the escape route.

If she keep the situation as it is, while Cordelia is still holding back the pain from her wound_____ the dragon appeared after a few minutes.

So, I bit my lips and desperate enough to endure the sight.

-Its fine enough.

Now and in this place, I change the history drastically.

Cordelia's wound is not so deep. but the amount of her blood has come out is quite a lot..... There is impossible to save her.

Well, That is fine.

There is one goblin jump out from the front and a bit sland to the righ side of Cordelia.

That is..... what I think.

Yes, I won't forget that-the scar on the left side of Cordelia that remains same as the prevous time that damaged her appearance.

There is the taste of blood as I bit my lips.

-its fine as it is. As long as Cordelia doesn't die.

But... I think.

The attack... that scratches at this time..... the scratches of major injuries that she will receive - the one that she care about when in the future its become old wounds.

She only can only stand on with her one foot and one knee.

To think of her who is struggling for being abandoned by the other villager while she keep fighting out.

Being arbitrary Hero, the upstarter....who struggling to survive.

And now, who won't be able to move due to bleeding and out of MP.

When I think so, her back is like saying it can't take this burden anymore and can't get up.

-Well of course, its natural for 12 years old girl who have that kind of weight. (responsibility as "Hero" maybe?)

For what purpose when I ask myself that I thought 'I would become strong'.

To become wannabe 'Hero'?

-Certainly to be it.

To become a member party of Hero led by Cordelia?

- Certainly there will also be that.

But that's not it. That is not what I really want. That's not it.

What I really want to -

- Standing next to her, to build an equal relationship....with her, so I can protect her.

When i Noticed it, my body move by it self.

- Skill: Enhance physical ability

- Skill: Physical resistance

- Skill: Shadow steps

What is the purpose of polished my strength? For this moment?

-Isn't it? Lute McLain.... No, Iijima Ryuuto!

-Ah, whatever.

I had a bitter smile against my own question.

And I was grasping the head of the goblin trying to attack Cordelia.

"Hey, you little.... what the hell are you want to do to her with that smelly hand, huh?"

as I said that while I doing body blow from the side of that goblin's body.

That goblin gushed out gastric droll while it shrilling voice like "Gugya-"

-Oops, I did it.

But, isn't that good to do it?

The dragon won't show up, if I clean up this flock of goblins here.

However, if I let Cordelia cry here - It is a good example how insufficient my stand point for her.

-That's why, its fine.

"Cordelia..... Well done, to do this alone so far.... now, leave it all up to me."
[TN: insert "Butterfly and Hurricanes" by Muse as bgm]

"Lute...? To let....fighting those goblins, but you are just....a villager?"

And I took the sword used by Cordelia.

"You are right, I'm just a villager."

"Please just run away from here, Lute! It's okay! You can just leave me here!
Please, you must get away from here!"

"Don't worry"

"But, you are a villager-"

"I am a villager, but its not an ordinary villager"

"....?"

"I am - the strongest villager on this land"

I stare at the surrounding goblins.

"I won't let every one of them escape from here, okay? So... I heard about you
a while ago... that we are equal at strength?"

I hold the sword.

Pack group of goblins in front of me...roughly around 500 goblins.

If it was the former me, I could only sit down and shake in fear.

But, the present me is different.

The 2nd time..... for 12 years is not a joke.

-I don't feel like losing even by surprise attack.

And behind me is Cordfelia that she can't even move.....Now the position is reversed here.

I lifted my voice while facing those goblins.

"...Come on..... Bring it on!"

Well, how is it? Horrible right?

Somehow, i want to eat french fries now

Chapter 6: Get a juicy knowledge with cheat! (Me) VS Goblin Second Part

For an exchange of a greeting, I approached a goblin and slashed it.

Slashing its stomach as if using a knife to cut a cheese cake, its internal organs popped out.

—Kimonhou power increase..... !

A vermilion miasma seeped out from my body.

And, accelerate.

The scenery moved as if it was in slow motion.

A swing of a sword.

The internal organs of the goblin flew out.

Accelerate more— a swing of the sword.

As if a ragged dust cloth, I turned the goblins into skulls.

Slash. (tl: Or 'kill' if you want, the word is 斬る but for some reason I like to stick with 切る, both is read the same way) Evade the attack. And then lacerate the goblin's meat.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

— I chose the most appropriate options within the countless ways of defeating them.

If I had made a mistake somewhere, I would surely be pushed back by their numbers.

And, I saw from the corner of my eye that Cordelia was being ambushed.

Hastily, I ran towards Cordelia.

Idle thoughts and impatience will lead to mistakes.

I took an arrow to my shoulder. And at the same time, there's a goblin from behind me pointing a spear at my head.

Without turning my head back to look, I evaded it by tilting my head a little.

A line of blood formed on my cheek from the graze— and, I faced back and slashed.

Tsk, I clicked my tongue while I pulled out the arrow.

—To protect a person while fighting is really difficult. No..... Cordelia also did protect me while.....

Accelerate. Accelerate. Further accelerate— at full power.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

—At some point, I'd completely stopped thinking.

The total number of goblins is not more than 400.

Even if I had the advantage, it really doesn't feel like it to face this much.

My thoughts could not catch up with his body movement.

Yes.

Not moving after *thoughts*— but *reflexively* moving.

In these few years, while I had Bernard-san became my master..... we have crossed swords more than ten thousand times training me to be able to move reflexively.

The spurt of blood had splashed onto my whole body, my eyes refused to open..... I couldn't even attempt to wipe the blood off.

Cordelia's now tattered sword does not only has countless of chips in it, there is also a mixture of blood and oil on it.

At that moment, I decided that this blade cannot do its job anymore, I got myself a spear from the dead body of a goblin lying around.

Accelerate. Accelerate. Pushing over the limit — Accelerate.

Both thoughts..... and the body..... accelerate them all.

The lactic acid in my body was building up.

My wrist became heavier and heavier whereas my legs couldn't move as I wished.

My knees started trembling, and I let out a sigh when my legs fully came to a halt.

This was not caused by the depletion of Magic Point used by the body strengthening techniques.

–Just purely out of stamina.

This is a real battle..... She swallowed her sigh. Cordelia could not let out a smile being the one depleted of MP.

The overly used body (tl: sounds so so wrong) raised a scream, Budum, Budum, Budum— my heart was beating fast. (ドクっ x 3: dokun)

A heavy, heavy, deep breath.

The phrase 火事場の馬鹿力 really defines this situation It seems like, my body can still move.(火事場の馬鹿力[kajiba no bakachikara]: when people are in a desperate situation, they let out more power than they have when their power is released. direct translation: fire place の stupid power)

Legs..... Move.

Even so, if I took a vehicle for an example, the gasoline meter in the dashboard would be in the red.

–Of course, I will not last long.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

And at some point, I couldn't even see the surrounding scenery.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

Slash. Evade. Lacerate.

—And when I had noticed, all presences of evil magical type beings were lost.

Using a spear from the goblin as a support, I panted a little while looking up at the sky.

Then, I heard a voice from behind me.

「Lute.....? You..... are you really Lute?」

With a shaky voice, Cordelia asked me.

「.....Is there anyone else besides me」

「But, you are a villager.....」

Her line of sight was directed towards the endless sea of dead bodies.

Half of the pile was done by Cordelia, and the other half was done by me.

「That's why I had said..... Among the villagers..... I'm the closest to the strongest」

While I laughed bitterly at my own words, Cordelia pouted with a tone as if she could not accept it.

「..... Probably, you've hunted the last hundred goblins right?」

After thinking for a while, I nodded my head.

Even though my whole body was covered in cuts, my body screaming for rest..... I could still move.

My Magic Point has not even depleted by 10% yet.

「A villager stronger than a hero..... You..... what kind of trick.....?」

A *trick*..... I shrugged my shoulders.

「Truly a trick. In actuality, there *are* tricks」 (tl: I just want to mention that people these days or only the people around me don't get **sarcasm**. Sometimes, I really want to strangle them)

「.....?」

When Cordelia tilted her head to the side, I felt a heavy pressure from behind me. (small spoiler for easy understanding: wind pressure)

Her face turned blue when she noticed the presence behind me.

It seems like my ride has arrived

「.....Aa..... Aa..... a..... Awawaa.....」 (tl: stuttering like [this](#) and [this](#)) Her sight made her speechless.

I turned to the back.

「Hehe.....Didn't you arrived a bit too slow? I finished them..... all by myself?」

There was simply a huge red dragon.

It's length is more than 15 metres, as if time stops from the pressure released by the gigantic body.

「Fate brought me here..... I've gotten an oracle about a danger faced by a young one— by the looks of it..... what happened here.....?」

The dragon look at me with a quizzical look.

「Just read my thoughts. That will be faster.」

The dragon squinted his eyes, and made a shocked expression (tl: really? the dragon-san did? how?)

「I gave a troublesome word..... With this, I must bring you to the Dragon's Residence.」

Without thinking, I whistled.

「Really word by word?」

「Dragons..... do not lie」

「Then, I'll have you take me there?」

The dragon and I nodded our heads, and I walked towards the dragon.

And, I heard Cordelia's voice at that moment.

「.....Lute? Where..... you..... Where are you trying to go to?」

「It's the Dragon (Residence). I will not be back in a few years

「.....In the..... Dragon (Residence)?」 (tl: 龍の中: inside the dragon)

I shrugged my shoulders and said.

「There are secrets to my power.In actuality, there are tricks..... that is the fruit of effort..... it is like that」

「..... Why..... into the Dragon (Residence).....?」

「You are a Hero. Now, I may be stronger than you. However, at this rate, you will overtake me in 1-2 years time..... That's why I'm doing this」

Cordelia closed her eyes.

「..... The fact of you becoming a being out of the norm..... can be seen from the dead goblin bodies..... You will selfishly go to another place..... become stronger just like a monster..... saving a hero even though you are just a mere villager..... Selfishly disappear from the village for a few more years?」

「It is something that is needed. To be a normal person while being shoulder to shoulder..... this is needed」

「Of course! If you want to be stronger than a hero being a villager, you should have put tremendous effort using unthinkable ways to be that strong! At a place that I don't know of..... selfishly..... unknowingly doing reckless things alone! I don't like this..... I really don't like to just keep quiet and see these things happening!」

「No..... Even though you say that you don't like this.....」

「In the first place, to be on shoulder to shoulder with me..... we don't really need that right? You are a villager and I am a Hero..... Isn't it good enough to let me protect you? You don't have to put effort recklessly into something like that right?」

「No, but you.....」

Then, she frustratedly stomped her feet.

「I hate this..... Are you expecting me to say it out?」

「Hate? What are you talking about?」

「I absolutely..... hate it.....」

「Hate? That's why I'm asking, what is it?」

With teary eyes, she shouted.

「About not being able to see Lute for a few years..... I'm saying that I hate it! I didn't give you my consent! It'll cause problem for me if you decide everything on your own!」

Really..... This child is so troublesome..... way from before..... really troublesome.

I mean, me going with the dragon should be my own will, I don't need your permission for it.

Haa..... I let out a small sigh.

「..... I won't say goodbye」

I walked towards Cordelia.

「—I will be back for sure」

And, I hugged her, and kissed her forehead.

「.....Hoe? 」(tl: definetly best line for the year) She opened wide and she made a ふにゃあ[funya] expression.

And her muscle from her hips relaxed, she fell to the floor.

Yoshi, taking this opportunity, I walked to the dragon and activated Physical Strengthening.

I jumped, and got onto the dragon's back.

「As a goodbye..... Is this okay?」

The dragon said that with a half-smiley voice, I said with embarrassingly.

「I said I will definitely be back. That's why this is enough」

「In actuality, You won't be back in just a few years」

「I will be back..... surely. That's why it's okay like that.」

The crimson dragon stretched out its wings and took flight.

Flight.

It flapped its wings, and slowly raised its elevation.

And at that time, I heard Cordelia voice from below.

「Idiot! Lute is an idiot! You don't decide everything by yourself..... you..... idiot!!! When you come back, I will not listen to you anymore!」

Really, you never changed from your childhood.....

Then, stray tears made its ways down my cheeks.

And— the dragon didn't ask about the silent tears streaming down my cheeks.

Chapter 7: Easy way to get stronger at the Dragon Valley Part 1

"You'd better come here when the day before yesterday."

It feels like the shortcut's distance is only a few shoulder lengths. [TN: can you call that shortcut?]

And the one who said that is a woman with light blue coloured hair and wearing white robe.

"That's why, I want to see the Dragon King"

Now, I am at the Dragon's Great Library.

That woman with a light blue hair is sitting on the reception desk.... She is a librarian.

By the way, it seems her age is same as me, around 12 years old..... She looks young as a librarian. [TN: don't judge woman by their appearance, that's rude]

The Dragon Village's residents.

A secret place where in the deepest part of great forest, in the middle of the continent.

That city existed on the Kilra(Kirura/Kirra) plateau that passed through the rugged mountain. [TN: I'm not sure in this line]

There are many buildings made from stone lining up on the mountain surface.

I wonder, this place image is closer to Machu Pichu, a highland city ruins of the ancient Incan empire in the "Earth".(Machu Pichu is in Peru, andes mountain above 'what is its name again?' valley, if I'm not wrong)

Because it is the place called the dragon village, I thought this place is extremely big at first, actually it is not like that.

The size of this village is no different than the human's according to the humanization law. [TN: umm... why?]

The reason is because that is unnecessary to build that big, and more economical, that is also including their body size. [TN : well, i accept that reason]

The library is exception, this place is insanely wide.

And... even i can't see the edge of this place because how wide this place, something like that.

The bookshelf and the aisles are intermingled like a maze, and from the inside its structure is completely unknown.

Furthermore, you can't estimate its size just from the appearance alone.

You see, this place is part of the Dragon King's castle, and i do not know where part is library and where part is the castle.

Its easier to say this place is very wide and big.

"Behold!....Dragon King-sama....entering the palace!" [TN: not sure in this line too]

A scary face with a beautiful nice middle beard.

Unlike humans, from their limbs to fingertips are covered with red scales.... Well, it was this Oldman (Ossan) is the reason why I am here.

"Ooh... that is the Dragon King-sama"

I nodded satisfiedly after I said that.

".....Give me your status plate quickly. I have another works to do"

"I want to meet the Dragon King, this is the reception, right?"

The librarian silently nodded.

"....Here is a Great Library, and this is your first time here.... also The Great Naga (? Raw : Naga Shin-zoku) is the current name of Dragon King relaying the requirements of the Royal Palace is very busy. And only the selected person can meet him there."

"You don't need to know.... what I want to do there... I am in a hurry"

"... don't call me 'you'"

"?"

"...I am Lilith. I have a name that my parents give me"

Lilith wrapped her eyebrows grumpy.(like "Hmmmph!" maybe?) "Aa-I'm sorry..." [TN: Hello 'sorry', I'm your dad]

Somewhat, I become too pushy. I will reflect on this.

Nonetheless, I can't get dragon protection without meet the Dragon King first. If I can't get it..... I can't level up for a while.

Even after I killed those lot of goblins, my level is still 1.

I mean, it seems my body refused to recieve experience value....(in terms of RPG is EXP for experience point if you didn't know)

"....hmm"

Lilith hand out her palm toward me.

According to her action, I gave my status plate to her.

Then she nodded, she took out a crystal ball from under the desk.

"....Resident registration start.... Permission to stay in Dragon city.... Request to meet The Great Naga.....Registered under the red dragon." [TN: sorry, i'm bad at this line]

In order to live in the dragon village, an underwriter's identity is required.

Basically, the dragon tribe tends to disgust human beings (race?)...or disregard the existance of unafforded tribe/race.

They are proud of being a noble species, the weak species who crawl on the ground for them aren't worth for them, that is their nature to not getting involved to other race as much as possible.

Nonetheless, the Dragons doesn't like troublesome things like violence or slaughter, you can say their temper is close to word aloof.

That is a reason for their own ecology, like..... We live solitary alone in closed zone so?, or are they actually making flock of strong personel at this village?

Well, naturally, this place is usually not a place where humans are allowed to

live.

However, there are exceptions.

If you are human that can be recognized by dragon like "Your identity are worthy enough to be admitted by us and we guarantee it", the dragon are only want to accept someone by their power alone as collateral, and that is why you are allowed to stay in this village as special case. [TN: I know what they mean but, i can't describe it in this line]

So, why I can stay in here is thanks to that Uncle from Red Dragon tribe as an intervention.... well, if every process is smooth without problem. (who? that Dragon King?)

"By the way, why I can't meet the Dragon King?

"...what a persistent fellow. The Great Naga is a proud being and it is a miracle that someone from outside can stay in this village, including me."

"Is Lilith also a human?"

If you look closely, you cant see any scalp on her hands. [TN: this MC is rude.]

"....so"

"well, that aside, How can I supposed to meet with the Dragon King?"

Lilith sigh-ed at my answer and about to explain to me boldly.

"...For what purpose do you think I keep your status plate, and are planning to register your number now?"

"What do you mean?"

"*sigh...The Great Naga are the proud being. Even though your identity are accepted..... There is still a restriction"

"...is there?"

".... I will measure the extent of that restriction from now, and while you stay here, I will give you this bracelet."

After she said that, Lilith pointed at the white bracelet on her wrist.

"What kind of bracelet is that?"

"...The bracelet is a measurement tool according to rank as a result..."

Lilith pointed to the gold line around her bracelet.

"...The rank is divided into 1 to 5 gold lines. If its 5, its mean the status are equal to dragan completely. So... if it is only 1 line, your rights are hardly recognized." (she mean 'existence' maybe)

By the way, Lilith's bracelet gold lines is 3.

"...There is more restrictive for small fish...if your gold line is 1. Its also rude if you listen to other dragon...and sometimes you are killed just by that...you can't complain. There are also restriction to enter some buildings and sometimes even you want to exit the building too." [TN: whoaa.... just, whoaaa]

"....I see"

"...And there is also condition to meet the Dragon King. If your power can reach the dragon's rank standart.... well something like that."

Fumu, I put my hand at my chin.

I understand now, it seems social standings is perfectly formed by force.

Whether it is proud being or you can say aloof.... Well, I heard this tribe/race is have a strange way of thinking.....

"So, how much status limit do I need to meet him?"

"...The condition limit is severe. There are 5 gold lines.... a condition either HP or MP exceed 10.000. If it is a human, its level is called A rank class adventurer.... Its quite difficult condition."

Is that so, I nodded.

"Why not say that to me first"

Then, Lilith tilted her head a little and her sight to my status plate for the first time. And she opened her eyes wide.

"...What is this.... no.... but... this is..."

Shaking her head to left and right like saw something unbelievable, she is trembling on the spot suddenly. [TN: Poor her]

Then he operate the crystal ball and though something in her head.

".... I already have audience reservation with Dragon King, two hours from now...and it is fine to go during the audience."

"Haah!!?" [TN: fix. I love her more than Corde- *ahem, forget that]

What make me surprised was that Uncle of Red Dragon.

"What's wrong? What are you doing Librarian-san? It is an audience reservation with the Dragon King...."

Lilith shake her head and back to reality, and presented the status plate to the uncle of red dragon.

And that uncle make a startle expression.

"...I can't believe it.... you are...?"

No no no no!

The one who should surprised is me.

"No, you don't have to be surprised that much, have you read my heart and memory?"

That uncle shrugged his shoulder and said.

"Well... I only read the mind and memories if I permitted. I brought you here because I knew your circumstances in general... what was done in your third life. Well... I do not know your current status now."

"What does it mean?"

".... Its because I have Magic Barrier in my heart, I though it was strange." (is he means MC heart or his own? idk)

"Magic Barrier?"

Haa...and that uncle sigh, with a pale coloured and discomfort face along with his expression.

"Magical power over 2000.... I can't believe it, realy. even Dragon King won't be able to read your memory"

He~

Somehow I aware of it, but it seems I growing too much.

"In other words, hallucinate, confuse, charm and petrify... its very hard to tell your spiritual condition."

That relieved me.

I was planning to get various skills to counter the abnormal status effect...It seems that I could save the trouble.

"....audience with Dragon King...eventhough he is human....audience...what is this, a rare event." [TN: Mediiic! she loses it!]

There seems to be a lot of things to think about like what this uncle do.

Well, it is good enough... and I smiled.

-Apparently even at the dragon village.....it seems they strengthening the village at the fast pace.

my eyes still hurt though.

I need rest a bit.

Chapter 8: Easy way to get stronger at the Dragon Valley Part 2

A crimson carpet was spread onto the marble flooring.

The colourful drawings on the wall, the chandeliers on the ceiling, it looks expensive enough to make my eyes pop out the moment I lay my eyes upon it.

In a room big enough for a banquet for a few hundreds of people, the occhan and I prostrated.

A few metres in front of me sat the Dragon King.

When I went in, I took a glance at the the man at the throne.

Even if you said that he was the Dragon King..... He is a dude who looks young in his first half of his 20-year old life.

No..... He is not *just* young.

"You can raise your head. If you are so rigid towards formalities, I also feel tense here."

A tone mysteriously light.

When I raised my head, as expected, he is an incredibly hot guy there. (tl: or ikemen if you like, for those fangirls out there.)

Black suit with a purple collared shirt.

Hair arranged asymmetrically of silver and gold-..... and even his hair style is long.

"Those clothes are.....?"

"I've read your memories that are not obstructed by the mana barrier..... You should've..... gotten my clothing sense?"

His hair kept spiky with gel just like a Super SaOyan.

Eyes jade green and vermilion red on the right and left respectively.

The scent of rose perfume.

You can say that he is a visual-kei, you can also say that it feels like he came out of a game..... honestly speaking..... just like a host.

".....Tokyo, Shinjuku district..... the sense from Kabukichō..... Well, I think it suits you"

In actuality, he is an unbelievably hot guy.

It will hurt if a futsumen or a busamen (tl: normal-looking guys and ugly men) wore this, but if it was this guy in front of me.....even though I hate to admit, it is a fact that it really suits him.

Yes, the Dragon King nodded his head happily.

"It's just..... this fashion is something that will only exist in this world in the far future. Of course, the greatness of this..... There is only a few that will understand the beauty of it"

"That would be the case. Then..... Where did you get this?"

"Wandering apparition..... just like you who reached this world as a soul..... It could be said that these are wandering objects"

".....Then?"

"Occasionally, some will float to me. By luck, I had also picked these up. They are 5 whole suit cases for long trips"

"It may be from a group of host co-workers on a trip"

Nodding nicely, the Dragon King prompted me to stand up.

Just a side note, the occhan (red dragon in humanoid form) is still bowed down.

"Then, may I take a look at your status plate?"

When he'd received the status plate, even the great Dragon King was shocked.

As evidence, there were some wrinkles between his brows.

"MP over ten thousand..... I see. I have lived for thousands of years but..... its been long since I'd seen this kind of numbers.....Besides reincarnators, it is impossible for a human child to have this sort of numbers"

"Do you know the way?"

"In the past, I had a friend..... as a human, he tried the same way as you. Well, his occupation was not of a villager but..... Besides that, Level 1..... you have aimed for this no? Probably..... for the Protection of the Dragon King"

"Correct. That..... and also the most effective way is to get the Protection of the Dragon King"

The Dragon King shrugged his shoulders as if he had no choice.

"The skill to read rare books including the prohibited ones..... Really, such a convenient skill"

"Yes. In my first life in this world, I had wasted most of my time gathering knowledge with this skill"

"Moreover, you remembered most of your memories..... the second time of your life you gave up your skills" (tl: I don't need to explain this again do I?)

"And, my aim is not just the Protection of the Dragon King"

As if telling me not to say until the end, the Dragon King stopped me with his palm.

"The Great Library isn't it? Yes, I know..... I'll give you the permission to read every book there"

As if in cue, the occhan exclaimed while in a prostrated position.

"Dragon King-sama!? This person is under my jurisdiction..... If this boy causes a problem in the Library..... I cannot bear the burden....."

"Aah, that"

With a smile, the Dragon King continued.

"The guarantor for his well-being will be..... taken from you, the red dragon tribe..... to me"

The occhan let out a lament close to a shocked voice.

And the Dragon King continued his words.

"With this bracelet..... I give him the same authority as a dragon..... Apart

from that, I officially welcome him as a young dragon"

The occhan raised his head up.

And his mouth was open agape, his expression turned blue.

The occhan's overreaction made me to ask.

"What does that mean?"

The occhan, shouted as if to cover for his shaken voice.

"This is an unprecedented special treatment! It's not just to permit..... but to accept you as one of the dragons..... Dragon King-sama is saying that!"

I see.

Not just an honorary white, but being treated as a white..... Maa, somewhat like that. (名誉白人: when apartheid was popular in South Africa, Japan, was one of the trading partners; Japanese was considered as whites)

"—By the way"

The Dragon King said with a menacing voice.

"I never said that you could lift your head up right? Do you want to die because of lèse-majesté Or are you a dragon strong enough to talk to me face to face?"

As the Dragon King said with a wide smile, occhan dogeza-ed in speed of Mach.

..... I see.

I was tricked by the heavy atmosphere to a light one.

Apparently this dude still has the dignity of a king..... or he is just feeling annoyed.

If I were the one in that situation, the moment I am being yelled at, I might become dust.

Well, I will not stop my unrestrained speech.

"Then, it seems like I'm having the special treatment..... why is that?"

"The first is that your status..... even if it is not balanced..... you are higher in

MP compared to me. I will have to show you my sincerity."

"Is that so?"

"Yes, it is. That is what it means to pay tribute to the strong. For example,僕が近接職だったとしても..... Well, it's like that" (tl:what is 近接職?)

Take an exam in a school for example..... The top scorer of the grade,towards the guy who scored the highest for Maths and did poorly for all the others..... It feels like his skill for Maths is accepted?

Well, it is not weird to think so.

"I've been wondering?"

"What's the matter?"

"—Currently, this is your 2nd life in this world right?"

Why is this guy speaking the obvious.

"..... Well, it is, so?"

"Yes, yes it is. And that is also one of the reason for my special treatment. Your existence..... this world's destiny.....has shifted its course towards the destruction of the world, have you noticed?"

Chapter 9: Easy way to get stronger at the Dragon Valley! Part 3

"Your existence.... The world destiny already shifted to the direction of destruction, you noticed that right?" (DK for Dragon King)

"What do you mean?" (Lt for Lute)

I never heard that before.

Even my voice tone sounds so stiff.

"Ah.... you didn't know that." (DK)

Dragon King said that while shrugged.

"You heard me?.... what do you mean?" (Lt)

"Well.... the princess you should protect-is a special existence in this world. I mean, in this world's era.... she is one of the 'Hero' from 4 in total. They have responsibility to save the world from the hand of salvation and the great calamity....the most important existence in this world." (DK)

I understand about that thing.

Cordelia is the Hero of the north, the other hero from the east, west and south... All of them receives an oracle then unite and help each other.

Everyone know about that story, if not maybe he is living alone in the mountain.

.....more or less, that's the story.

".....Ah, that's right" (Lt)

"The one who strike the darkness with a sword of hope and clean up the disaster..... that is the 'Hero'" (DK)

I respond with frustration mood.

"Aa, that's right" (Lt)

"The hero who is saving the weak and purifying (Kill?) demons.... with such an absolute strength, isn't it?" (DK)

My bad mood turn into a clear anger.

Its not only frustating me, he just said such an obvious things.

"So, what do you mean after said that?" (Lt)

"The weak... the villager is.... even hero saved by the weak villager" (DK)

Dragon shook his head with a gloomy face.

"....?" (Lt)

With a deep sigh, he said this.

"What do you think about a villager defending a hero ? Is that a good thing?"
(DK)

".....?" (Lt)

"I am not only able to read memory but also the world progress... I can read it a bit." (DK)

"What do you want to say?" (Lt)

"At that time, because you annihilate the army of goblins, the history from future is going crazy." (DK)

"....Future history... crazy...?" (Lt)

Ah, and the dragon nodded.

"At that time, at that moment.... actually she was planning to brave herself to protect you" (DK)

"I know even I can't say it... the result is.... you know how it should be. She know how it is in midsummer, she got a wound and couldn't wear a short sleeve shirt." (Lt)

"Yes, that's it... she should be like that, it's a challenge for her to protect you... in order to become stronger.... without relying on you to know her quality as a Hero.... in a sense as training, she should have pushed herself to the limit" (DK)

"...Well... that is.... what does it matter?" (Lt) [TN: is he that dense?]

By the way, when we were in the previous life.... she suddenly went to the mountain and participated as a knight.

Usually insects have an insensible personality

By the way, when we were in the previous life when she suddenly came to the mountain and began to actively participate in the Knights Order.

Although those insects (knights order?) were originally have insensible personality, even though they disliked the oracle of the 'Hero' from the bottom of their hearts

"- There is nothing that matters, it's because she gets stronger." (DK)

"Is that why?" (Lt)

"Isn't it the same as the feeling that you are having now?" (DK)

"The same with me ... same ?" (Lt)

"The feeling of want to become stronger in order to protect your important things, isn't it the feeling to get stronger than anything?" (DK)

".....eh?" (Lt)

"A mere 15-year-old girl called as a dragon killer ... Do you think she is possible to gain that title in this world time?" (DK)

"No, that is" (Lt)

"Originally, the attack of that Goblin ... was an awakening event to decide the preparedness for her to live as a Hero, but you solved it by yourself. The side who should saved poeple is getting saved instead It's a tough topic to say. " (DK)

"No, but" (Lt)

"And that is the destiny that was prescribed in this world ... Well, now it is uncertain as we go to another branch ..." (DK) [TN : he mean another route, like visual novel maybe]

"....." (Lt)

"- Dragon Killer To prove that someone is trully a Hero, Driving into full-scale training at full power, It's a title you obtained by betting your own life." (DK)

"..." (Lt)

"That is not a thing that can be cleared up only with talent, its not simple as you think" (DK)

"..." (Lt)

"I can't read everything. Even if it is a serious disaster, I do not know what will happen concretely. But ... the world has largely been ruined. That's all I can say. " (DK) The Dragon King ridiculous smile on me who kept silent.

"Well, after all, you are just a child I was a bit disappointed ... Well, that is no problem. When the fate is twisting the band of the Heroes or the world's fate That kind of stuff" (DK) [TN: Not sure in this line]

For the time being, I keep silent.

And stare at each other silently with Dragon King - 30 seconds.

So I opened my mouth.

"She is already useless as a Hero Is it something like that?" (Lt)

"According to your memory ... When you are 15 years old, she will be a

dragon killer, Right ?" (DK) "You mean..... when she suffering against the Evil Dragon?" (Lt)

I will never forget.

Shee was accompanied with the knights order to subjugated some monster, then they met a unusual monsters, and suffered as a witness from the annihilation of the knights order - even the survivor are in the horrible condition.

And aside from the survivor, their head has been separated from their neck to their torso and some of them are from mutilated to burned into ash.

"First, at that point(Previous life time?).....but this time..... she can't win over that Dragon, 100% dead" (DK) I keep silent for a while, then I laugh a little towards him.

"Why are you laughing?" (DK)

"What's wrong if I become strong? I wonder if I could slaugh that evil dragons ... no, it's better..... if I'm the one who did it." (Lt)

"That is" (DK)

"My childhood friend is a Hero ... at the age of 15 she got the Dragon Killer's title, but all of it has beed reversed....." (Lt)

"hmmm?" (DK) (RAW : Fumu?)

"- I'm at least 14 years old and I guess it's okay if I can get rid of the evil dragon?" (Lt) [TN : Gooo my boy!]

Listening to that word, Dragon King gets a shaky expression.

And after a while, Dragon King smiled so gladly.

Chapter 10: Easy way to get stronger at the Dragon Valley! Part 4

"You subjugated an evil dragon as a 14-year old villager..... and you are saying that it is natural to do so"

Kuhaha, the Dragon King laughed holding his stomach.

"Maybe that's why I'm interested in you"

And, I continued.

"Subjugating an evil dragon at 14 years old? That's just natural. If I'm not at least capable of that..... that person would be troubled"

"Kuha..... Kuhaha..... I see. You saying that you are a mere Hero's..... guardian?"

"Ah yes, that's why just quickly hand over the Protection of the Dragon King"

Fumu, and the Dragon King grabbed my head with his hand.

If he had put a bit strength in it, my skull would surely rupture.

"Towards a Dragon King..... you demanded the protection? Aren't you a bit too carried away? You..... mere human"

I kept silence for a while.

And I directed my gaze fearlessly towards the Dragon King.

"The most efficient way is from the Dragon tribe. However..... the Majin tribe..... or at worst the Devils, I would also sell my soul to them..... I have that choice"

The Dragon King showed a shocked expression.

"Toward the Devils..... was it? But if you chose that method..... You would probably not be allowed to reincarnate, and continuously suffer the hardships in hell..... (tl: the concept of *Samsāra*)"

"Of course, if possible, I would like to say no thank you to that. That's why I'm

here bowing my head down to you"

Kukuku, the Dragon King once again laughed gleefully.

"Are you saying that you are showing respect with that unrestrained way of speech?"

"But..... You actually..... like these kind of atmospheres right?"

Yes, he nodded his head and smiled.

"Yes, I like it..... I really like people like you"

(tl: just fyi the raws are"ああ、お好きだねえ.....君みたいなのは大好物だ"; it just sounded too wrong)

I offered my right hand toward the Dragon King.

The Dragon King too, reached out his hand with a face full of smiles.

When both of us shook hands— something hot flowed into my heart.

"This is..... the Protection of the Dragon King?"

"Yes, yes it is?"

"It means that.....?"

"Yes, that's right— the growth correction for your level up.....your minus factors are largely eliminated as an Occupational Aptitude: villager"

"That is..... I finally could..... level up without any worries? Or is it that I can hunt monsters without rejecting experience points from monsters?"

"Deliberately..... Do you need my explanation?"

"As a precaution..... please do"

The Dragon King took a while to think and started explaining.

"You do know about concept experience points and level right?"

"To use the others' life energy— using those to enhance oneself's physical power and mana..... right?"

Yes, the Dragon King nodded his head and said.

"Before that, what is..... a Occupational Aptitude?"

"In short, it is a blessing from the goddess"

"It's as you've said..... then.....concretely what is it?"

"The rate of your growth will be..... all of them, different. Take for an example..... when a Hero levels up their in their attack power status will increase by 20 while..... 3 for a villager..... in that sense."

In actuality, the difference in number is not correct, well, the idea of it is not wrong.

"And there is the appearance of the Protection of the Dragon King. Your growth rate as a villager..... will be corrected to a dragoon..... Even though it cannot be compared to the Hero's, it is a growth rate more similar to that of a high level occupation like Sage or a Holy Knight"

Yes, I nodded my head.

"That is why I got through hardships at while staying at Level 1..... Besides training MP, all I did was fundamental muscle training and polishing up skills"

"Of course that would be the case"

And the Dragon King looked down at his watch.

"Such an expensive watch?"

"It's not the full clothing of the place called Kabukichō?"

A watch from Omega.....

It shockingly doesn't suit the background of a fantasy world, making me laugh bitterly.

"It's almost time. Anything else?"

"Aaa, my problems currently are only those"

"Then, what will you do after this?"

"Hmm....."

I continued after giving a smile.

"For now..... it's about time I worked hard to level up"

Chapter 11: Get Stronger quickly in the Underground Dungeon! Part 2

A few days later.

“..... Allowing you to go out?” (Lilith)

A girl with light blue short hair just above the shoulders wearing a white robe.

Appearance of a 12 year old librarian– Lilith was asking me with a strange look.

It seems that she did miscellaneous jobs as the receptionist in the library of the Dragon Village and she also managed the immigration system, and the residency management system.

“Oh, the permission to go out, I want to hunt monsters a little bit” (Lute)

Lilith gave a forced smile, thinking for a while.

“.....I remembered that you just came here 2 days ago. And now, you want to go outside of the village already.... In the first place, I thought you came here to become stronger.... to get the wisdom of the dragons from the Great Library or that you came to get the unique skill of the dragon kin” (Lilith) “Why should I do that separately? I’ve already got the protection of the dragon kin – the Dragon King’s Protection.... That’s why I will hunt and hunt and hunt monsters, and.... raise my level like crazy” (Lute)

When I looked at her again, Lilith’s expression became frozen. [TN: I can’t hold it anymore : Let it gooooo~, let it gooooo~]

“You are level 1 and..... a villager..... for the Protection of Dragon King..... living for 12 years..... you aimed for this, that’s why you stayed at level 1 all this while?”

“That’s how it is”

In response of my wink, Lilith said with a blank expression.

“..... In order to get stronger quickly..... It is best to raise the level first..... even if you know that the growth rate it is not good, stopping at Level 1 not

something that people will choose to do.”

And Lilith sighed as if she was amazed.

“Unusual determination for power, an unshakable mind to obtain optimum efficiency — Indeed, I understand as much”

“Understand?”

Yeah, Lilith nodded in agreement.

“People like you are what they call a genius..... surely you will become a hero in the future”

Huh? And I tilted my head.

“A villager like me?”

Lilith shook her head.

“Certainly you are a villager, but you have talent”

“Talent? What kind of talent do you think I have?”

“..... An unbreakable heart. Those who seek power..... they are gifted, or it can be paraphrased as a genius at putting effort”

Well, I have the Skill: Indomitable.

A masochistic ability as a talent for effort.

As expected, Lilith laughed in disbelief.

“Talent of putting effort But, in reality I’m not like that”

“.....HuhFor a human who had the attention of the Dragon King saying such things only sounds like sarcasm.

So, Lilith once again smiled.

“Sarcasm, you.....”

Tears formed in the corner of Lilith’s eye as I was shocked.

And tears fell down her cheeks.

“.....Yesyou are nothing like me. I..... I am.....”

Lilith wiped her flowing tears with the sleeves of her white robe.

“Wait a moment What’s the matter, why did you suddenly cry?”

“.....I’m not saying”

“You’re not saying..... but you are crying, are you not?”

“.....I’m not saying”

“It’s okay, just say it”

“..... I will not say it. I’ve registered your request. Just get out of here and go wherever you like”

Aa so troublesome..... now that I think of it Cordelia also..... was quite stubborn.

“You cannot go on in this state, but”

“..... I am not a dragon, and I am not a human being like those strong men, so there is no value for my existence.”

Haa..... and I sighed.

“If you keep going till that extent..... the more I cannot leave you alone”

“..... I can not trouble a genius like you. After all..... I have no guardian.”

“No guardian?”

Lilith made a bitter face as if saying *uh oh.....*

She thought for a while and opened her mouth.

“..... I will soon be..... exiled from the Dragon Village”

Lilith stopped talking, and looked at me as if waiting for my reaction.

“Continue”

“..... In the first place, I was brought here when I was 5 years old..... When I noticed, I was already a slave..... I was treated terribly.”

“Yes”

“And..... one day..... The slave merchant’s caravan was attacked by a group of bandits..... A big battle took place..... it was a situation where almost all of them got wiped out..... Most of the people who were fighting could not

move..... carnivorous animals, and even monsters appeared there ”

Mercenary groups employed by the slave merchant and the armed bandits defeated each other simultaneously.

So, dangerous creatures were baited by the smell of blood.....

I see. I can understand the situation in general.

“And what appeared there..... was a dragon?”

Lilith nodded.

“.....The Earth Dragon who guaranteed my identity was a very strong and kind person.”

As if remembering something, Lilith looked up at the ceiling and tears overflowed through the corner of her eyes again.

“.....The name my father gave me..... is Lilith”

I see.

It seems that she adores the dragon who saved herself.

That’s why when I called her name in the first meeting..... she got angry.

“So..... what do you mean no guardian?”

Lilith kept silence for a while and made a painful look.

“Dragon also have life spans..... I was told..... it was of old age.....”

Well, I shrugged my shoulders.

“So Lilith-san..... No, we are of the same age is it OK to abandon formal polite speech?”

Actually, if I put it together my age for the first time and the second time..... I’m already quite old.

Well, that is not important.

“Lilith is..... well when your guardian disappeared and your position in the Dragon Village has disappeared. So..... you are going to be exiled..... Well, is it okay to say this?”

“.....It’s fine”

“Then Is the slave crest still activated?”

Lilith nodded with a pale face.

And she pushed aside her robe and showed me the magic circle inscribed.

“Isn’t this the worst. Ain’t this a sex slave crest?”

“.....Before being picked up by father I was a child I was not made into doing those things, but, if I get thrown out in the present state.....”

The slave crest.

The treatment of slaves are no different from a criminal.

They are chased by guards, made to say everything out, and they will be returned to the owner.

The slave pattern is of a nature similar to a mental brain washing procedure, and can never resist a prescribed rule as long as it does not dispel it.

The prescribed rules are.....

.....Such as, do not oppose the owner.

.....Such as, you should not go against guards.

–Such as, do not defy night service.

“The guardian of Lilith..... when did he pass on?”

“.....A month ago”

“So, when will you be..... exiled from here?”

She stuck her right hand and raise a finger. (右手を突き出し、指を1本立てた。
EN: what is this???)

“Tomorrow”

Oh, no wonder she would cry.

She doesn’t have any leeway or you could say that she is at her wits end.

So troublesome..... I thought and said to Lilith.

“Please cancel the permit to go out, and after that.....”

I took out a sack from my pocket.

I left the heavy sack full of items on the reception table.

“.....This is?”

Undoing the knots of the sack, Lilith showed a surprised expression.

“There are 500 pieces of gold coins, the Dragon King said that “It would be interesting to see how you will use this money, so use it however you like” a story like that”

“.....I don't know what you mean by giving me this money”

“Do your travelling preparations. From now on you and I will conquer the dungeon”

Lilith asked me with a stupidly loud voice.

“Dungeon? What for?”

“Speaking of dungeons there are monsters. So, if you're talking about monsters, there will be experience points. If so..... isn't it decided? I'm going into the dungeon to become stronger”

“I still do not understand your point”

And as if reminding myself, I said with a strong tone.

“Be good and let's go. How could a man who is unable to save one or two damsels in distress save a hero?”

Lilith once again asked me and shook her head.

“..... I really do not get your point, I'd like to ask for further explanation”

“I, as a human being and as a dragon..... welcomed as a young dragoon, you do know that, right?”

“.....Yes”

“The condition of being a guarantor is to be a fully-fledged dragon, right?”

“.....Exactly”

“So, I will go through the ceremonial ritual to become a fully-fledged dragon..... I pass the trial to guarantee your identity”

Lilith laughed as if she was appalled.

“You want to breakthrough the labyrinth..... in a cave infested with evil monster..... which many dragons died in there..... as a human..... a Level 1 villager?”

I nodded and smiled.

“.....If I do say so myself, I am the world’s strongest level 1?”

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The forest outside of the Dragon Residence— An altar in an underground dungeon is located there.

In the woods.

Hidden by the bushes— there is an entrance to a grotto above the ground.

After descending down a gradual inclined slope, there, it is the first floor.

Continuing forward through a dark rocky tunnel And you will arrive in front of an iron door.

And when you open the rusty red door, a monster appears.

—Minotaur.

The head of a cow, and the body of a bodybuilder.

Furthermore..... it is holding a ridiculously huge axe.

It is in a four metre cube room.

It's abnormally narrow. As I stared at the monster and activated my skill, I swallowed my breath.

—Activate Skill: Physical Strengthening.

—Activate Skill: Body Strengthening Technique.

—Activate Skill: Kimonhou.

With this, I have the power equal to a veteran in a guild.

That is just a bit stronger than a 12 year old female Hero, and the power to lightly slaughter hundreds of goblins.

— It is a ridiculously strong level of strength for a 12 year old human. But, among the dragons..... ~~its like a scrap of paper~~ it is too fragile.

Buon ([*sfx](#) or [this](#))..... wind rose up in the room.

That is the sound of the minotaur swinging its axe at a speed unable to be seen by the naked eye.

The dungeon I'm trying to capture now is also a labyrinth as a ritual to become a full-fledged dragon.

In actuality, it is said that young dragons die in this labyrinth at a consistent rate.

Foolish young dragons mostly die here because— they are too proud of their dragon scales leading to them ignoring their defense and inadvertently approach the minotaur.

In other words, the first strike of the damascus steel axe of the minotaur splitting the dragon's armor is the cause of their death.

I reflexively evade the swing of the axe by a hair's breadth.

—Honestly speaking, I was only able to evade with my intuition. Because, I cannot properly see the slash.....

And again, before I'd noticed, the incoming slash created by the axe of the minotaur 1 metre before me was approaching.

Fast!

It's almost impossible to continuously evading!

First, second, third, fourth, Fifth..... I evaded all the swings.

Sixth, Seventh, Eighth.....そして振り落としからの、上方への切り返し(?)— my speed has reflexively exceeded the limit.

And, I was hit.

—*Saku*.

A hateful sound came from in between my brows.

The vision of my right eye suddenly turned vermilion.

I was hit..... I went into a state of panic.

However, my body still moves.

Even though one side of my vision is obstructed, it's only blood flowing into

my eye.....

And the minotaur was..... having an relaxed expression as if it had defeated me.

As if saying that it had power to spare, it snorted and slowly raise its axe to swing it.

–*Looking down on me.....* it totally doesn't think that I'll counter attack..... actually, I suppose it looked down on me because I'm a human..... or in actuality, just a kid.

–It thinks that it itself is the absolute powerful..... an usurper?

No, that's why..... I smiled.

I pulled out a knife from my waist, and aimed for the cow bastard's nose.

Only in that instant, the minotaur looked away as if saying that it could not believe I'll counter attack.

「Don't regret..... afterwards! Don't look down on humans! 」(tl: equivalent of the idiom don't cry over spilt milk; author used the word 人間様[ningen-sama], showing that mc thinks that humans on a higher standard; pfft)

–And the knife bounced off..... as if it was repelled like rubber — it could not pierce through the nose.

「I see. This is the test to become an adult dragon」

After saying that, I turned 180 degrees.

And I dashed full speed towards the door that I came in with.

「IMPOSSIBLE IMPOSSIBLE IMPOSSIBLE IMPOSSIBLE!! This is definitely IMPOSSIBLE! 」[Muri muri muri muri!! Zettai muri darou konna no!] (tl: I had to!)

As expected..... a ritual in an underground dungeon to make a young one into a fine dragon.

It seems normal to have a rate of few tens of percentages of deaths by young dragons, so it'll make at least 500 goblins yelp in fright..... This is not a place for a 12 year old Level 1 villager to visit.

I kicked the iron door open, closed the door behind me and took a deep

breath.

The minotaur is like a gatekeeper of this labyrinth, also a sub-boss.

That's why it will not come out from the boss room.

Therefore, if you went out of the room..... it will be safe.

I took a deep breath to calm my breathing.

While using Elementary Recovery Magic to cure the bruise, I spat out a revengeful「Shit!」.

I mean, for me, I was planning to visit this place only after a few more months.

Only after defeating goblins and orcs, raising my level to a safe margin..... then I planned to challenge this place prepared.

However, I cannot do that when I'm already here.

「..... What will you do? Turn back at this point? Honestly speaking, to challenge this underground labyrinth..... as a Level 1 villager..... is just reckless」

Carrying a rucksack full of water and food supplies— Lilith looked at me with eyes worrying and said.

「It's not like I can just do that」

「..... The strongest Level 1 villager. Certainly, you are one. It's also true that you are out of the norm. And I understand that you are trying to help me. I am really happy」

However, Lilith bit her lips.

「There is no need to risk your life. I should be at this rate exiled from the Dragon Residence, and sent back to the human world..... Brought to the master that had owned me and once again become a sex slave. In terms of that kind of situation..... I am already prepared」

Recovery magic had finally started to kick in.

Blood stopped flowing, and Lilith rolled the bandage.

She wiped my bloodied vision with a damp gauze.

「I will save you at the risk of my life. Don't decide for yourself..... You will fall back into slavery if you go back」

「.....That's why, you don't have to risk your life. You are just Level 1..... you can visit here again..... after gaining experience from lower level monsters」

「But if I follow that, I wouldn't have enough time..... to look after you」

「..... That's why you don't have to risk your life」

There I gave a small laugh.

「This is just my..... obstinacy」

Lilith tilted her head curiously.

「Obstinacy?」

「Yes. If I throw Lilith aside now..... I don't think I can make 'that person' smile」

「That person is.....?」

「..... A childhood friend. This is..... something that I'm doing for self-satisfaction, this is really something that you don't need to be concerned with」

And I turned my vision towards the iron door leading to the boss room for the minotaur.

「If frontal attack is not suitable/possible. In that case..... Oi, Lilith?」

「.....What?」

「I have a request. Can you go back to the forest..... and prepare cut firewood?」

My rucksack is filled with survival equipment.

On the other hand, food and water is in Lilith's rucksack, and my rucksack has survival items stuff like shovel and fire starter..... Well, things like those.

Then, I took out a small billhook and passed it to Lilith.

「Firewood? What for?」

I took out knife and thrust the blade into the soil wall near the door.

Thereupon, even though little, the wall crumpled and fell to the floor.

After I confirmed the fact, I nodded my head.

It seems that it is possible to dig the soil on the wall.

And, minotaurs are monsters summoned with summoning magic by the dragon tribe.

It should be easily understood to say that they are a type of familiar.

They have various restrictions put upon them, that cow bastard can definitely not escape from that room.

–Then..... if I have firewood, as expected..... it should be possible.

「– What? That is already been decided. To kill..... that cow bastard.」

–10 hours later.

A hole of a few centimetres– were filled with ignited firewood.

「..... Are you sane? How can a minotaur.....」

「Seriously serious, I’m dead serious」

For ten hours straight, the end of this firewood– towards the room, I’ve been constantly igniting the wood with Life Magic.

Therefore, the number of wood I’ve burnt has already reach hundreds, or even more than few thousands of them.

Currently in the room has.....a shortage of oxygen.

In addition, it is also filled with dust and soot in there.

To matters worse, I..... used Life Magic even without oxygen..... with inexhaustible mana, forcibly continuing to keep the fire burning.

Bluntly speaking, inside is getting a big worsening.

However, Lilith can still not..... understand the situation inside fully.

「.....I cannot fathom the minotaur can be..... exterminated just by doing this. I’m just..... burning firewood」

「Then, just sit back and watch. If it still doesn’t die with this..... I will give up.」

I shrugged my shoulders and opened the door.

At the same time I opened the door, hot air and black smoke came rushing out.

「..... This is?」

Peeking into the room, Lilith became speechless.

Of course that will be the case, the minotaur was struggling for breath, twitching.

I mean, that is still considered as living..... really, not shabby at all, this altar dungeon.

「Oi, Lilith? Don't you know..... the phrase incomplete combustion(不完全燃焼[fukanzen nensho])?」

「.....Fukanzennenshou?」

「I'll change the way of saying it. Then, do you know what will happen if you keep on burning things in a closed room?」

「..... I don't know」

「To put it simply..... poison is produced. So, this is what you call this poison that contaminates the body. Carbon monoxide poisoning」

「Issankantanso..... chuudoku?」

Even if I tell Lilith about suicide by inhaling carbon monoxide, it's not like she understands it.

Anyways.

With a 'fuck' sign, I said towards the convulsing minotaur.

「Brains of a cow..... a mere livestock..... don't look down upon humans who had conquered the Earth」

Name : Lute Macklen

Race :Human

Occupation :Villager

Age :12 years old

Condition :Normal

Level :1 → 12

HP :50 → 650/650

MP :12050 → 13400/13400

Attack Power :35 → 185

Defense Power :35 → 170

Magic :2154 → 2350

Evasion :55 → 225

Strengthening Skill

【Physical Strengthening: Level 10 (MAX) 】

【Body Strengthening Technique: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Kimonhou: Level 5】

Defensive Skill

【Indestructible Stomach: Level 2】

【Mental Resistance: Level 2】

【Indomitable: Level 10 (MAX)】

Daily Skill:

【Crop Cultivation: Level 15 (Limit Break: The Goddess’s Gift)】

【Sword Technique: Level 4】

【Taijutsu: Level 6 → 7】

Magic Skill

【Mana Manipulation: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Life Magic: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Elementary Attack Magic: Level 7 (Growth Limit)】

【Elementary Recovery Magic: Level 7 (Growth Limit)】

Title

【Strongest Infant on Land: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Youngest Sage: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Commoner's Healing Hand: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Saint: Level 3 (Growth Limit)】

【Devil Child: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Heretic Mage: Level 2 → 3】

【Cow/Bovini(?) Killer: Level 0 → 2】

▪ When using Body Strengthening Technique

Atk pow ▪ Def pow ▪ Evasion + 150 Correction

▪ When using Kimonhou

Atk pow ▪ Def pow ▪ Evasion + 250 Correction

▪ When using Physical Strengthening

Atk pow ▪ Def pow ▪ Evasion × 2 Correction

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Okay.

I have leveled up quite a bit.

An increase of 150 for attack power..... only using the skills I've gotten earlier on it is about 400. It's not really a dramatic improvement with this.

Actually, it just makes Physical Strengthening and Kimonhou seriously strong skills.....

A skill that can make a Level 1 villager trample goblins like small fries..... Thinking about it again. Really, ridiculous skills.

Well, to make the status up feels like I had gotten stronger, I still have to level up more.

Anyways, I am sincerely glad that my HP has risen.

It made the risk of instakill on one blow lower.

Tentatively, my boss master and former Knight's Order Commander (villager), Bernard-san is at about Level 50.

On a side note, 50 is a level for an ordinary veteran adventurer.

I think that to achieve being a commander with that status is a bit weird. No, in actuality, it is really bizarre.

Even before going into details, continuing to defeat weak opponents will make a person gain less experience points therefore, causing him to level up slower than other people and be caught up or even progress further in terms of level.

However..... For revenge, he continuously hunt orcs.

And he continuously hunted only for orcs.

Rather, after putting all his energy into hunting orcs, that person did not hunt any strong monsters.

Actually, no matter how much his level is, he has the growth rate of a villager..... That's why, he must've given up on leveling up at some point.

It is better to learn prohibited skills like Physical Strengthening or Kimonhou than to chase high ranked monsters that even the an encounter for it is hard.

So, I think that choosing that path is correct.

In the first place, a person's strength is not really relevant for hunting orcs. They are just monsters the look like pigs same standard as goblins..... To eradicated them you only need to have the advantage in numbers.

In his case, when he became the commander, he didn't need to hone his individual power to hunt orcs.

When he realised, his level rose to about Level 50.

However..... it is different for my case.

There are lots of ways to become stronger but still, I really want to level up as much as possible.

And, this place is a place not for residential accommodation, but the underground labyrinth in the Dragon Residence.

The more you go in deeper, the stronger the monsters are. So, this is the best place to gain experience points.

Honestly speaking, I think that the humans who were raised in the Dragon Residence became heroes after they come out is because of this place.

In here, to permit one to go out means that he is allowed to become independent.

That will mean, the ritual to become a fine dragon is cleared.

Currently, Lilith and I are in passage with a of long— long staircase.

Not only the floor and the ceiling were made out of soil, even the walls were made out of the same boring soil.

After walking for quite some time in the long passage, finally, there is a curve that signals the end of the passage.

Just looking after the corner of the wall, I saw a bronze statue that is situated

in front— of the gate to the next floor.

Its stature is just about 2 metres tall.

Armed with an armor and a sword, its whole body is made out of metal.

My physical strength, as the numbers in the status plate suggests, cannot be an opponent to this metallic golem in front of me.

Therefore, it is impossible to break through using frontal attack.

In the first place, my only weapon is a blunt knife.

What I'm wearing now is also still the clothes I wore when I was brought in here by the red dragon occhan..... maybe it was better to borrow Cordelia's sword.

No wait..... the sword was already in a bad shape. Well, that's not important.

So, this here is same as the minotaur, a gate keeper and also a middle boss.

Yes, another gate keeper after a gate keeper..... another middle boss after one.

Well, there is also a proper reason for this..... I should explain this reason to Lilith after we break through this place.

It should be soon that she will suspect that I am a bit too well verse of this dungeon.

Well, it will be a review about how great is the skill wisdom.

To speak in gaming aspect, it will be a situation where I've already read the guide to capture this dungeon.

Well, I walked straight from the corner and put down a rucksack on the ground.

I took out a shovel and started intensely digging the ground.

「.....What are you doing?」(Lilith)

「I'm digging a hole」(Lute)

「.....I can see that. So, what are you doing?」

「That's why I've said, digging a hole」

「.....So, why?」

「Of course it is to make me stronger」

Lilith laughed dryly.

"You should speak in japanese" (Lute) (TN: I think it's something like; ; therefore implying that she should speak in a language that he can get)

A phrase I finally said the first time in real life.

Well of course. Certainly, my explanation was too short.

Well, even if I do say..... it is not in my plan to capture this labyrinth at this stage.

Furthermore, I got cut on my forehead by the minotaur even at the beginning of this dungeon, so, I'm also in a hurry here.

Flatly speaking, I cannot afford to take care of Lilith.

I should honestly reflect on this.

I called Lilith with a wave of my hand.

Prompting her to only show her face at the corner.

「It is not possible to continue onward because golem is there」(Lute)

「.....I see. Certainly, it looks like it is strong. It seems that you cannot be its opponent」(Lilith) (?)

「Yes, as you've just said. So, this is the corner right?」

「.....Yes」

「From there, this corner is not visible right?」(Lute)

「.....Yes」(Lilith)

Lilith made a blank expression and nodded her head.

I also nodded my head and said.

「So, this position there is a hole right?」(Lute)

Lilith made a face with full smiles and said.

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「Well, you should help me」

Lilith exhaustively handed over the shovel.

With a dubious expression, Lilith consented reluctantly.

「..... A hole?」

「Yes, about a 1 metre radius..... One with a 3 metre depth would be good. For now, let's take turn digging.」

Lilith shook her head.

「.....A lot of time has been wasted on the battle with the minotaur. And to dig a hole now is..... too late」

「Ah, now that I think about it, Lilith is only permitted to be in this place until noon tomorrow?」

「.....This dungeon is huge. If you continue on..... you can't make it to the lowest floor within half a day」

「No, why do we need to..... reach the lowest floor within half a day?」

「n?」

Both for us tilted our heads.

It seems like our words were not interlocking.

「However, I am only permitted to stay till tomorrow noon」

「Yes, I heard it, so?」

Or maybe..... I swallowed my breath.

「You..... If you reached the lowest floor, at that moment, you will be accepted right?」

「.....Yes」

「Then, it will be different if you are in the village but, do you think they will..... bother to come into this dungeon to chase you out?」

「..... I don't think there will be anyone doing that」

「So..... do you need to be so particular about tomorrow noon?」

「Even so, I had made a promise with the Dragon King that I'll pack up and leave by noon tomorrow」

Just how diligent are you!

I unintentionally let out a bitter laugh.

「At least, don't worry about not going out of here despite overtime until you got out from this dungeon . Actually, don't even worry about that」

「.....No, however」

Fuu..... I sighed deeply.

I really cannot let her go outside alone. Moreover so if she will be made back into a sex slave.

I understood that the parenting of her parents were good, however, it will be hard to survive alone with this kind of personality.

Innocent people cannot make companions. (A river too clean is unsuitable for fishes to live in. saying:水清ければ魚棲まず/original: 綺麗すぎる川には魚が住みつかない。)

Diligence is moral however it is also a bad habit..... Being a little cunning with deceits is also important for survival.

If she stays the same and go out into the wilderness— she will be exploited to the bone, I can imagine her going to the rubbish bin immediately(?).

「..... But, what's the hole for?」

「This is a pitfall trap」

「Pitfall trap?」

「Yes, a pitfall trap」

「.....I am appalled. Are you really trying to go pass that armed golem with

such a traditional way?」

「Yes, I'm planning to breakthrough here. First, I will be the bait and catch its attention. The, lure the golem here. This position is it's blind spot.」

So, I took out a iron wire from my rucksack.

「..... Wire?」

「Yes, you know, this trap is..... double layered? As it stumbled on the bent area(the wire), it will fall in to this hole. So, it's body is made out of metal and is heavy..... it will surely be difficult to get out of the pitfall. I spread a layer of oil onto the surface of this hole」

「.....But, at this rate, it will be still not be defeated. Even it could gain some time for you, you didn't even solve the problem of the way to give damage to it's metallic body..... You cannot defeat it with by this way. You also cannot gain experience with this. You will be unable to reach your goal of getting stronger」

Haha, I laughed and said.

「Yes, this should not be able to defeat it. But, it's okay. I didn't even think of wanting to defeat it with my own hands」

「.....?」

And I whispered my whole plan to Lilith.

After listening the whole story, she said 「..... I see」open-eyed and nodded.

–15 hours later.

After 5 hours of preparing for the plan, we took our meals and took turns sleeping.

Despite the exhaustion, the small nap really helped.

「So, let's go」

I went to check the wire trap.

Yosh, it's okay.

I checked the pitfall trap.

Yosh, it's okay.

Lilith and I looked at each other and nodded our heads at the same time.

I took a position of a crouch start.

「..... Start」

Just as we'd discussed, I accelerated at my top speed.

With that high momentum, I dashed parallel the curved corner.

「Uooooooooo!」

I ran towards the armed golem with a shout and ran at full speed.

—(*sound of danger button lighted or more like when robots are suddenly started up and their eyes lighted up*) ヲインsfx.

The eyes of the armed golem shone a red coloured light.

Our distance is about 10 metres..... Seems like when going into this distance, energy-saving mode will be change into intercepting mode.

The golem once again, ran towards me.

As we came face to face, I immediately made a 180° turn.

Once again I accelerate. A sudden acceleration I went back with the path I passed as I came from, and ran back to the curved corner.

At the same time, I took a big leap.

The way leading towards the wire trap and the 1 metre diameter pitfall.

As I jumped over the hole, I heard a falling sound from behind me.

「Bingo! After all, it is still a metallic doll without intelligence..... this will be natural」

As I saw from my side glance that the golem in the hole was frantically flapping(?) it's arms trying to get up, Lilith and I left the scene of crime with light steps.

The destination was the door to the lower floor which was just now guarded by the golem.

「.....Is it really okay to just leave it? Your goal is to gain experience points..... Then, that is a chance to obtain it..... There should be quite a few ways to let an

attack work」

「That is why, had I not just explained it to you?」

「.....Skill: Wisdom. It's still hard to believe that this exist but..... it is a skill to read most of the books in this world in the head」

「So..... If what I know is correct, the next floor is a bonus stage」

While following, Lilith's expression was one in doubt.

「.....Still..... However you say it, it is just too unbelievable. For this underground dungeon to have such structure.....」

We've arrived at the door towards next floor.

I, without replying Lilith, opened the door.

And, the scenery was just as I had expected.

A room about as big as Tokyo Dome, a malignity of goblins.

「Gii-!」

Starting from a cry of a lone goblin, just like the sound in a beehive, they made a fuss.

Yes, the scenery that we are now looking at is— as much as we could see, goblins.

「From here onwards is the continuation of the labyrinth. And this place is..... a goblin breeding ground. These goblins are kept as the lowest of the food chain. Goblins are small fries within small fries..... With a wild dog as an opponent, they would surely be kill 1 vs 1, ~~a total insignificant stone by the roadside~~ a mere small fry..... an imp.」

「..... Un」

「And this, is a forest. That's why there were 2 middle bosses at the front. It's to prevent the goblins being preyed easily by monsters, bears, wolves, etc.....」

「.....Un」

「Furthermore, to young dragons, goblins are existence that don't even worth their time. A mere goblin will not amount to any experience points for them

because of their difference in level」

「..... But, it will be different to you」

「Yes, my current level is of a wannabe adventurer..... So, the scenery now is the best for a debuting adventurer— number of goblins as much as my eyes can register..... about more than 1000?」

—Activate Skill: Physical Strengthening.

—Activate Skill: Body Strengthening Technique.

—Activate Skill: Kimonhou.

「—Saa, it's the starting of a bonus stage!」

Name : Lute Macklen

Race :Human

Occupation :Villager

Age :12 years old

Condition :Normal

Level :12 → 38

HP :650/650 → 1820/1820

MP :13400/13400 → 14512/14512

Attack Power :185 → 390

Defense Power :170 → 385

Magic :2350 → 2625

Evasion :225 → 480

Strengthening Skill

【Physical Strengthening: Level 10 (MAX) 】

【Body Strengthening Technique: Level 10 (MAX)】

【Kimonhou: Level 5 → 6】

Defensive Skill

【Indestructible Stomach: Level 2】

【Mental Resistance: Level 2】

【Indomitable: Level 10 (MAX)】

Daily Skill:

【Crop Cultivation: Level 15 (Limit Break: The Goddess's Gift)】

【Sword Technique: Level 4】

【Taijutsu: Level 7 → 8】

Magic Skill

【Mana Manipulation: Level 10 (MAX)】

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【Heretic Mage: Level 2 → 3】

【Cow/Bovini(?) Killer: Level 2】

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150 Correction ▪ When using Kimonhou

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Strengthening

Atk pow ▪ Def pow ▪ Evasion × 2 Correction

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“你就当我有烧饼强迫症吧” – taken from some book

Yeah!

It's about time that the effects of my level up is showing.

Now I think about it..... I took up a stone that had been bugging me.

Hmph!

I grabbed it as hard as I could.

(sfx sound of crumbling?), the stone crumbled.

I've suddenly remembered Cordelia had cut a big stone like it was tofu with a sword in the past.....

Yes.

It seems like I'm almost venturing into the point where I stopped being human.

Actually, this is a dungeon for young dragons to train to become a full-fledged dragon.

–If I don't stop being human..... there is no chance for me..... to capture this dungeon in the first place.

Looking at it at another point of view, this place is like a starting point.

「So..... after passing through the goblins' farm(?), there will be a underground waterway.」

Walking through the limestone cave.

It felt comfortable walking in the slightly cool temperature with a small fire ignited.

And so, we had arrived at the underground waterway.

「This is.....?」

It's a underground lake about 50 metres wide.

And a huge mass that takes up half of the lake I unintentionally held my breath.

「.....A giant catfish?」

I nodded at Lilith's comment.

「.....Yes. A species that is very evil..... I think」

——鯨ナマス" (TN: A whale catfish???)

As the words suggest, this gigantic catfish was given this name because of its whale-like size. Currently, it is in its hibernation period, there is not even a ripple on the surface on the water.

By the way, according to literature, it will gobble everything when it is in active.

First of all, the catfish will use its barbels to block every lifeforms that passed through.

Then, it will tie/roll its preys with its barbel and pull it into the water to eat/kill them.

Under the lake here is a huge groundwater passage that could connect with the outside world, so this catfish has a habit of making here as a root/place(?) during hibernation.

.....I'm going to ignore this thing. However you rephrase it, this catfish is just too gigantic.

Anyways, this catfish is about 25 metres in length.

For instance, this monster is a just a bit bigger in size..... it's not within the parameter that I can do something about it.

「Oi Lilith?」

「.....What?」

「How much water we have left?」

Taking out a big leather bag, she opened it and look into the contents.

「We did not use any more than 20%」

After thinking for a while, I took the rucksack from Lilith's hands

「I want to refill it here, the path after this..... there is no place to obtain water.」

「.....Eh? But the giant catfish.....」

「It'll be alright」

「And that is also from..... the skill: Wisdom?」

「Yes, once this thing is asleep..... don't even say resisting, it can't even move. And, this season is coincidentally its hibernation period」

「..... I oppose. That huge catfish.....If anything happens, we will be wiped out in an instant」

「I'd say it's okay, originally, that literature should be a survey..... from a institution that is reliable」

Fumu..... Lilith reluctantly nodded her head.

「..... But..... I really hope that you remember this phrase」

「What is it?」

「.....Be careful」

Such exaggeration, I laughed bitterly and took the water bag.

Placing the mouth of the water bag on the water surface(?) , water gushing in causing bubbles to float on top of the lake surface.

I bound the mouth with a string and place it aside.

And, I scoop the water with both hands and drank it.

It feel great drinking water at a cool temperature.

—*Delicious*.

「Oi, Lilith? Why don't you come —」

When I turned back to call out for Lilith, there was something stuck in my throat

「Uoo!」

The water is gushed into(?) the middle of the lake at a fast pace.

— *The giant catfish? No, that is impossible.....! In the literature, to hunt for food during hibernation is..... that kind of example was not stated.....*

While in panic mode, I turned my vision towards the water to see the situation.

And, *aa, I see.....* I accepted the harsh reality.

There was 3 metre length small catfish..... it should be the giant catfish's son or wifey.

He, or she (TN: I love 'it' more but original context... so, no), is able to stock energy to endure hibernation, it hasn't yet gone into hibernation.

It means that it needs to stock energy..... or a better word, gather food.....

And I was stuck(?) in its barbel.

I was then pulled into the water, a straight line towards its mouth.

Even an idiot will know to, the moment the catfish opened its mouth to swallow me— I took out the knife on my waist and landed an attack on its gum.

The binding of the barbel came off.

The moment I became free, I somehow move my arms in the manner of breaststroke.(?)

As I ran away, I pierced both of the catfish's eyes with my knife.

— And, I continued recklessly stabbing.

As long as my breath could hold, I continuously stabbing.

Seconds— turned into minutes.

It seems like it is possible to do this with the status of Physical Strengthening.

No, it might be purely just because of the effects my HP that is about 2000.

Anyways, in the 10 minutes in water, I recklessly pierced the catfish.

The lake coloured in blood(?), and a lone catfish— floated on the water surface.(?)

And finally, my breath has finally reached its limit.

I somehow swam with breaststroke arriving the shore(?) but.....

While I faced(?) out of the water to take a deep breath— once again, barbels tied around my neck.

It was a catfish different from the one before.

「Shit.....! Oi, Lilith— Run! There are..... a few..... catfuglubbglub」

The last part doesn't sounds like words at all.

—Haa, this is a bit..... not good

Following the lack of oxygen, my vision gradually became black.

Black out..... it's not funny(?) in the water..... I thought though I couldn't say anything.

I guess it's over for me now.

— Aa, now that I think about it..... just like in my second life came to an ending, I was tricked by the sage childhood friend..... I died in water.

That is not good.

I flashback on what had happened till now.

No..... but..... as a villager..... I think..... I had..... did good.....

And, I closed my eyes and resolved myself.

And, at that moment—

—My body ran through electricity(?).

At the same time, the bind of the barbel from the catfish came off.

My body became mobile, I took in the last of the oxygen and headed straight towards the water surface.

I let my face out of the water and breathe deeply.
And— I was out of words.

Currently, there are two catfishes floating on the surface.
One of them was the one which I had damaged— and the other was one without any cuts on it.

No, it's more accurate to say that the catfish on the water is making some static noise and smokes.
And I looked towards the shore(?), I finally understood what had happened.

— That is a scenery(?) of Lilith carrying a rucksack, holding a staff.
I started swimming towards Lilith.
「Lilith, what..... did you do?」
「..... Electric shock. Your mana is inhuman..... after I thought that your resistance towards magic is high, and I maxed the output(?)」

She responded with a tint of frustration in her words.
「.....It's not something to be shocked about— it's not like I lived here a few years for no reason. And..... I have a..... 3 lined bracelet..... I am at least able of support
Well, that would be the case..... the dragon culture does not accept the weak to live.」

If so..... Lilith is taught by her parent well.」
「Then, may I say something?」
「What is it?」
「.....Don't decide everything by yourself」
「About what?」
「I cannot help you in this dungeon..... that is a fact」
「.....?」

「.....I'm sure that I'm not of help. This time, I coincidentally could support you but..... that is fine..... Don't order to run. Don't..... decide everything by yourself」

.....I think I was told by Cordelia something similar that day.

「I, in my own way..... can also support Lute. If luck and topography is with our side..... just like this time」

「That may be true. But..... I cannot..... put you in danger」

And I received a slap on my cheek

The slap reverberated in the dungeon.

「.....Then, What would be my position Who has put you into danger?」

Tears began to form and Lilith continue to speak.

「Don't..... selfishly decide everything by yourself. Don't take all the burden yourself..... What am I to Lute? Is my will reflected in Lute's actions?」

I flashback on Cordelia's words.

–Don't selfishly decide everything on your own!

I didn't wish for that. There isn't my will in there.

–I'm not allowing you to go the the Dragon Village! About not being able to see Lute for a few years..... I never heard of that, I absolutely hate it!

I thought of that while laughing bitterly.

「..... What am I? Don't selfishly put your life at stake. Don't selfishly help me..... I'm just another human」

「.....」

「..... Sure I hate being a sex slave. I also hate that I'm being chased out of the Dragon Residence. However..... just because of that, others have to risk their life..... if Lute dies..... What should I do?」

I nodded my head and clenched my hands into a fist.

And I hit Lilith's head softly.

「Then..... we will survive together?」

Lilith nodded her head.

Name : Lute Macklen

Race :Human

Occupation :Villager

Age :12 years old

Condition :Normal

Level :38 → 45

HP :1820/1820 → 2150/2150

MP :14512/14512 → 15730/15730

Attack Power :390 → 470

Defense Power :385 → 465

Magic :2625 → 2705

Evasion :480 → 580

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Finally, we will soon be going into the middle layer area of this labyrinth.

It is an area of both this floor that I'm currently at and the floor below.

And both of these floor combined, the area in between is called middle layer area.

On a side note, the floor that I'm at now is made entirely made out of wood.

And, monsters that had appeared were all undead.

Furthermore, as expected of a middle floor, the rank of the undeads are high.

Undeads like liches and ワイスキング(TN: I cannot find this; wise king???), and even vampires..... the kings of the dark is on parade.

With the mana from the dragons, it is said that high ranking undeads were summoned on a regular basis from the realm of the undead.....

Well, putting that aside, it is really appropriate to be calling this dungeon a labyrinth(TN: as in literal maze).

The area(surface area?) is 500 metres x 500 metres wide.

The passage for every wooden space is about one and a half metres and it'll branch off somewhere and continue. If you walk blindly, you are sure to get lost.

And here, with starvation as a bonus (due to lack of food), this combo is very hard to avoid.

There is no place for water, no food besides the rotten meat of the undeads, it is unbearable.(TN: to what? eat their meat?) Well, in my case, if I went and battled an undead..... as my status suggests, it will be very tough to fight one.

If there are a few of them, even the dragon tribe cannot let their guard down on these high level monsters. Well, that is something that cannot be done.

That huge area and countless of roaming undead..... in actuality, this maze

prides on being as hard as a punishment game level, a lot of young dragons lives were ended here.

「So..... This is the entrance towards the next floor」

Lilith said with a dubious expression.

「.....Clearing time is 20 minutes. The number of encounters with enemies is 5..... which included me escaping 3 times」

「I had made preparations for this. There are rules in creating mazes, even if I didn't remember the map for it..... it is possible to clear this place」

As I said that, I pointed towards the geometric art ([wiki](#)) carved onto the wall.

Well, this is a type of cryptanalysis. (again [wiki](#)) If you'd noticed the rule of replacing the symbols with strings (文字列, [wikipedia](#)..... again)..... You could conclude that the correct route is pointed by an arrow.

It means that not only is one's strength being tested, but intelligence is too.

「.....At the floor before, we could only run away from the giant catfish. And before that, we ran away from the golem..... I don't think that..... you can beat the guardian of the deepest floor」

「Aa, of course」

Lilith continued her words with a dissatisfied expression.

「..... Then..... you should earn some experience points on this floor.....」

「Not just 'some'」

「.....?」

I smiled towards Lilith with her head tilted and said.

「The numbers of high ranked undead monsters on this floor is about hundreds right?」

「.....Perhaps it is about that much. Or maybe more than that」

「—Now, I will *deliciously* take down everything」

「.....You want to..... plan on staying here for a few months? Water is limited and food too, is scarce. I know it's bad to say but..... I don't think you can

continuously win against the monsters here until they are all gone」

Aa, this kid..... still as diligent as ever.

No, well, it's not like I dislike it or anything.

「I don't plan to stay here for a few months. I will settle it in one go」

「One go..... how long will it take?」

I raised one finger and said.

「One day..... no, half a day」

Eyes wide open.

Lilith shrugged her shoulders appalled.

「.....It is impossible」

「No, I must do it」

I looked at Lilith with a serious look.

And she somehow gets that I was about to say something serious.

「.....How are you planning to do it?」

She nodded her head and held her breath for my answer.

「So..... we will aim for the next floor」

Almost falling, Lilith shuddered in anger.

「.....I really hate jokes that are not funny. Even though we were talking about the monsters on this floor, why are you thinking about the next floor?」

What I said was not a joke, I was really serious.

「I think, just maybe, you too hate jokes that are not funny right?」

「.....Your right. I don't really get jokes」

Yes, I knew.

Well, she does gives of that sort of vibe..... you can say that she is very unsociable, or is less expressive, or better, very much like a robot.....

That's really wasteful for a beauty.

Well, noisy ones just like Cordelia are also included.

「.....So..... if we were talking about hunting the monsters on this floor..... why mention the next floor.....? I absolutely..... don't understand」

「If you see what's going to happen soon, you will surely get it. Let's quickly..... obliterate the guys on this floor」(EN: I still don't get why the author uses such weird pauses in the speech...) I pulled Lilith's hand.

And—

— We started going down the spiral staircase leading to the next floor.
